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For over 89 years, Mount St. Mary's College has done its best to help students go above and beyond. MSMC always walked alongside its students, breaking barriers and paving roads toward success. The journey was never easy, but year after year, The Mount continued challenging not only the institution itself, but also its students. Each year, we as a student body leap through hurdles toward our goals. Each year, new friendships are made and bonds are formed. Each year, we do a number of impossible things. Whether it's getting that A in the class you thought you would never pass, or finally running around the loop in record time. Goals are met time and time again and we as a community strive to accomplish those goals together, big or small. Each year is a testament to that. And as this year opens up a new chapter, we can only wonder-
what's next?

By: Helouise Garcia





Breeze into Fall

Fall— say goodbye to the scorching Summer heat that calls for shorts, flip flops and tank tops and say hello again to the cool, crisp breeze that signals for layers of sweaters, scarves, leggings and boots. It's that time of the year where we bundle up and stuff ourselves with steaming hot drinks. #PumpkinSpiceLatte

As the first semester of the new school year begins, it brings with it the feeling of a fresh new start. Fall brings the promise of a new beginning for our incoming freshmen, but also the beginning to the end for our seniors. Just as the seasons do, we all transition into the next phase of our lives. We come to see that these changes also bring out a different side of ourselves. It shows us just how far we've come in the new year.

By: Mary Page Diaz

Chalon Orientation **06-07**

Doheny Orientation **08-09**

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Summertime Selfies

CHALON ORIENTATION 2014



All tangled up! Incoming freshmen play a round of human knot to test their group dynamic.



With candles ablaze, Allyson Mayol enjoys the lighting of the candle, one of the many traditions that we celebrate here at the Mount.



Game time! O-Leader, Eric Cabahug, and incoming Freshman, Marja Centina, continue on the high energy of the day by playing the next round of activities.



To new friendships! Our newest freshmen receive warm welcomes into the Mount community after the Welcome Mass.



Another year of tradition has taken place this past summer as the incoming freshmen are shown just how much love the Mount community has. Students went on a two-day adventure that showed them how a typical day at the Mount would be. Not only were students able to experience our way of life, but they were able to start making life long bonds with their fellow peers. Orientation is the first time that students are able to make friends that they carry with them throughout the first year of college and beyond. They are also welcomed into our Mount community with a Welcome Mass where they are made to feel like a true Athenian. The traditional lighting of a candle symbolizes the start of their Mount journey and getting pinned with a fleur-de-lis represents the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The new freshmen students really get a feel of how it's like to be part of the Mount community and how their presence alone makes a difference.

By: Mary Page Diaz

"Be present. Be here. Be nice. Take everything in. Everything that happens right now, matters."

*—Dr. Jane Lingua,
Vice President for Student Affairs*

Mother Hens: O-leaders are amongst the first people freshmen meet and become acquainted with. Many O-leaders go on to develop strong bonds with their O-babies guiding them through college like a mother hen.



It's Only the Beginning: It is hard not to smile when the best years of your life are right around the corner. Our Doheny Athenians get to know one another with a series of ice breakers and games!



College can truly be daunting. New people, new classes, and a totally different atmosphere. For an incoming freshman, one can't help but feel out of place, nervous, or even scared, but Mount St. Mary's College tries its best to prevent its students from feeling anything but good vibes. Much like its Chalon counterpart, the Doheny campus welcomed its students with a day-long orientation. The feeling of nervousness is washed away as they partake in a series of games and ice-breakers with one another.

New friends are made and camaraderie is formed as the day progressed. Orientation leaders did their job in keeping the moods high, while faculty and staff helped provide the students with the knowledge needed to kick-start their school year. One can definitely see the effects of spending a whole day getting to know the Mount and one another. As the day ends with newly-formed bonds, and definitely brand new attitudes, they are ready to tackle their first-year of college.

By: Helouise Garcia



We're all Friends Here! Athenians gather around their O-Leaders for the first time, as they take turns introducing themselves for a long day ahead of them.



All The Fresh Faces

DOHENY ORIENTATION



Cheers, Sisters! Many of the students are able to spend time with our lovely sisters, sharing stories, and listening to their words of wisdom while they enjoy a nice snack break.



"Welcome to the best years of your life." A tradition of The Mount is the mugging event, where Athenians are served rootbeer floats in mugs that have individualized messages of encouragement and congratulations from our Alumni.



College 101. Prospective students attend workshops throughout the day in order to learn more about the services and opportunities that The Mount has to offer. Orientation Leaders help the students by answering their questions and giving them the necessary information about their fall class schedules.

» Ready, Set, Go!



New Beginnings. Starting college can be an exciting and nerve wrecking moment for many students. On August 24, 2014, upperclassman Cecilia Boveda sat with incoming freshman commuters to lend a helping hand. #CommuterLife

"I wanted to be a commuter mentor because I just want to be there for other commuters as I didn't have anyone there for me."

-Estefani Alarcon



A Guiding Hand. As commuter mentors, upperclassmen lend a helpful hand to incoming freshmen. Despite their busy schedules, they have the desire to help freshmen make the transition from high school to college.

Having a Ball. Freshmen students got to participate in interactive icebreakers that gave them an opportunity to bond and get to know each other.

COMMUTER RETREAT

In 2012, Mount St. Mary's College held the very first Annual Commuter Retreat for incoming freshmen. Forty-four incoming commuters gathered at the Campus Center on August 19, 2012 to meet fellow commuters, and learn the ropes from upperclassmen. Fast-forward to 2014, and the event has nearly doubled in magnitude. With 84 students in attendance this year, it was the most successful commuter retreat to date. What made this year different from previous years, was that students had the opportunity to participate in the new Commuter Mentor Program in which freshmen students were paired up with an upperclassman mentor designated to help them manage their first year as a college student. Estefani Alarcon, a Film

Media/Social Justice and Journalism Major, decided to become a commuter mentor in hopes of helping make the transitions for some of these students a lot smoother. Alarcon recalls feeling lost and alone during her freshman year. "I didn't have anyone there for me" said Alarcon. Overall, Alarcon says she loves being a commuter and all the perks that come with it. She hopes to inspire other commuters to take advantage of all the opportunities given at the Mount and to really become a part of the community that is Mount St. Mary's.

By: Maria Fernandez

»»The Perks of Commuting

"Commuting keeps me motivated to work hard in my academics"

-Melanie Sava

We Are Commuters! On August 25, 2014, Admin Lawn was full of commotion as commuters gathered for the annual commuter registration process. Students were able to register as commuters, obtain their lockers, and receive their student planners. Returning students also received their yearbooks and although supplies were limited, many students went home with tupperware, compliments of Student Programming and Commuter Services.

No Monday Blues Here! Mondays can be a drag, but Helouise Garcia and Jessica Cabajal were pure smiles as Garcia handed Cabajal her student planner. Planning ahead is a crucial part of college. Commuters that registered received their 2014-2015 Student Handbook filled with important information. Stay on top of the game, Athenians!



COMMUTER REGISTRATION

Commuting can be difficult, but it sure is easier when there are certain perks to it. On August 25, 2014 Athenians gathered on Admin Lawn early in the morning to register and receive their fall 2014 commuter stickers. Throughout the year, socials are held exclusively for commuters so that they can de-stress and bond with other students. According to many commuters, it's something they look forward to with great pleasure. Socials usually include free food and involve fun giveaways making residents wish they were commuters too.

By: Maria Fernandez

»»Summer Daze

O-GROUP REUNION

For many, orientation was their first taste of Mount St. Mary's College and what their next four years will be like. They were paired up with O-group leaders and were able to bond with them and other incoming freshmen as well. Now, two months later, students were able to reunite with their O-groups and O-group leaders over pizza and refreshments. Many freshmen shared the stress and anxiety they were feeling during their first week of school and how they were grateful for the friends they made during orientation, while others were enjoying their new found freedom. Talk about summer daze.

By: Maria Fernandez



Reunited and it Feels so Good! August 26, 2014 was full of excitement and laughs as freshmen reunited with their O-Group Leaders. Hey Eric Cabahug, share the pizzal!



Summer Daze! Summer vacation may be over but MSMC Athenians still find reasons to smile while they reunite with old friends from orientation and make new one they'll always cherish.



Making Time! Allyson Uy and fellow O-leaders may have a busy schedules as students and active members at The Mount, but they still manage to help pass out pizza to their O-babies.

MSMC Pride

» SPIRIT RALLY



The Mount welcomes Athenians back to school with a party! Students cooled down with Rita's Shaved Ice, while 97.1 AMP Radio gave students the chance to win Ed Sheeran concert tickets. Individuals made use of the Photo Booth, as well as the arts and crafts table where they were able to personalize MSMC pennants. *By: Chelsy Ramirez*



#WelcomeWeek: Gerianne Velasco, Cynthia Arellano, and Gricelda Medina have fun with a Photo Booth prop.

Proud Winnerst:
Participants in the Ed Sheeran concert ticket giveaway, including winner Ana Hernandez, proudly display their



» A Hilarious Event

LAUGHS ON THE LAWN



Laughs on the Lawn closed Welcome Week's activities. During this event two students, Marielle Shrock and Yaritza Villa were entertained on stage by the improv group, Improv for the People. A few students were invited onstage to showcase their skills. Tommy's Hamburgers catered this event so that students could enjoy a free meal along with a priceless comedy show. Once the event was over, DJ Alex Joson played music for guests to groove with his vivacious beats. *By: Vanessa Gomez*



All In Good Company:
Ernelo Pena, Joshua DeGuzman, Arnold Maningo, and Diana Luong enjoy their time by telling jokes and laughing together.



For Your Entertainment: Students settle down before the show begins.

A Spiritual Invitation for »» Reflection

DOHENY'S WELCOME MASS

With the beginning of a new school semester comes much excitement, but some nerves may come as well. There are lively events happening simultaneously throughout the first weeks of school, and although these activities bring a thrill to campus, there are moments where Athenians may seek solitude and reflection. A Welcome Mass takes place on both campuses so that students may find peace and contentment with their coming responsibilities.

*By: Chelsy Ramirez &
Vanessa Gomez*



Top left: Rewarding Experience: Pamela Mogollon and Celina Bongar assist Fr. Chris Ponnet as he presides during Mass. He reads Scripture before blessing the audience with holy water. Bongar, who has been an altar server before, mentions that the duty is a bit stressful, "We have to make sure everything is perfect, thankfully the Mass went smoothly."

Top right: A Humbling Moment: Athenians read a prayer to ask for guidance during their upcoming school year.

Bottom Left: Together in Prayer: Fellow Athenians recite their responsibilities and accept their blessings from God.

More Than A Club, >> A Family



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR

On September 4, 2014 the Circle was filled with colorful flyers, laughter, smiles, and candy to hand out to the prospective club members at the Student Involvement Fair. Freshmen and upperclassmen filled the Circle to get a glimpse at the clubs that are offered at the Mount while getting to meet club presidents and representatives. Enthusiastic presidents, and current club members welcomed the interested students with joy and excitement offering to answer any questions they may have had. New clubs on campus even made their way into the tight knit circle of established clubs as they attempt to establish their own identity on campus. New clubs such as Sakura Society, where students are able to go to club meetings and express their love for anime films, as well as, get the chance to interact with the international students that attend the Mount each

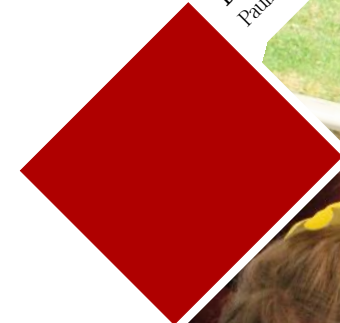
year were seen interacting with students through out the fair. With various new organizations and clubs on campus, the campus saw many new faces that were looking for a place to call home as they stood excited and anxious to sign up. Freshman Joselyn Vargas expressed how excited she was to "become part of the family and get involved." Though many of us find it hard to find the time to get involved, Joselyn desires to make the time between her two hour Commute each day and science classes for her Pre-Nursing major to get involved. In between starting her college career and her potential nursing career, Joselyn looks forward to the support and guidance from CNSA on campus in hopes of making herself feel at home with new friends and Mount support.

By: Destanee Guevara

Be a part of our Ohana! Na Pua O Ka Aina president, Erin Paulini, sets up the sign-up sheet for prospective club members.

Newfound clubs join the fray! Junior Cindy Carrillo smirks with pride next to The Athenian Print display board, happy and proud about the new club's debut on campus.

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Friends from different clubs, Lilia Moreno and Diane Nakajo, take time to pose for the camera in between organizing their various tables for the Student Involvement Fair.

Get connected! Freshman, Illeana Dallas, signs up for the popular CNSA club on campus with excitement and joy to become part of the Mount's nursing community.



Spread Your Wings

STUDY ABROAD FAIR



Wanderlust! Alejandra Gaspar seeks out more information about the different schools around the United States that offer opportunities to Mount students.



Take a pamphlet or two! Jennifer Merida receives information about opportunities to travel abroad for her major.



Europe or Costa Rica? Jessica Lopez heads out to see the different places she can go to so that she can make her last year at the Mount more exciting.



Cultural Enrichment! Michella Mousaed talks to Academic Advisement about how she would love to travel to different countries and experience new places.

The Study Away Fair was an event that gave students the opportunity to learn about the experience of studying in another country. Different programs specialize in various majors and allow students to choose the semester they would like to commence their studies. The programs offered to students are in countries such as Costa Rica, Spain, the United Kingdom, Italy, and many more. Alumnae who attended the event shared their own experiences of studying in a different country, and mentioned that students should take advantage of this opportunity.

Students took an interest in the many possibilities and enjoyed food from the countries available for study. Many students looked at these opportunities as an experience they need to pursue during college. There were many enthusiastic representatives who tried to encourage all students to take the opportunity of studying in a place that was really outside of their comfort zone. Studying in a foreign country is an experience that one will not regret.

By: Vanessa Gomez

Explore New Things

MAJOR AND MINOR FAIR



Thinking ahead. Students like Karla Varela contemplate on the various opportunities present in the many majors available on campus.



Welcome to the Fair! Harmoni Morales signs in at the Academic Advisement table for the Major and Minor Fair, ready to explore the booths.



Interested in film? Phylizia Carrillo is learning more about the Film, Media and Social Justice majors, hearing stories and experiences available to her.



Do it for the kids! Rhianne Esparza learns more about the Child Development major while talking to a representative.

Every year Academic Advisement holds the Major and Minor Fair in the Circle to introduce Mount students to all the majors and minors Mount St. Mary's has to offer. Curious students were free to explore and were given snacks and water bottles to keep them replenished as they learned more about the majors and minors they were interested in. Members of the staff were happy to answer any questions the students had and explained all the necessary steps required to pursue certain majors and minors.

Academic Advisor Tehra Yosifi was excited about the fair because she believes it is a wonderful opportunity for sharing programs and giving students a chance to make connections. She really enjoys the Major and Minor Fair because it is the heart and mission of Academic Advisement to help students figure out what major and minor is right for them.

By: Christina Bailon

God at the Center of Community

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Carrying the Cross: Associated Study Body President, Sean Balba, carries the cross to the altar at the Mass' commencement. Students, whether they are involved in organizations or not, make sure to participate in events that capture their interests.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit is more than just an event here at the Mount, it is a tradition. A seemingly unchanging tradition, this year's Mass had a few changes. For one, the Mass did not take place in Mary Chapel, though the tower bell rang for the first time this year. Its location was the Campus Center. Another aspect that students recognized within the Mass, perhaps more profound, was the sense of community they felt. For returning students, faculty, and staff, this sense of community is ever present but it is a new experience for those new to campus. These students are now part of the tradition. What does this mean, though? What exactly is the meaning behind the tradition of the Mass of the Holy Spirit? Answers to this question may vary, and as our college continues to transform, perhaps one answer may be much simpler than we think. Perhaps the meaning behind the tradition is to remember the mission that the Mount was founded on, to remember the heart and courage not only within our studies but also within ourselves, and, most importantly, to remember that we are a community. A community that will only expand but that will surely remain true to its foundation. That is tradition.

By: Chelsy Ramirez

Culture Appreciation: Na Pua O Ka'Aina members Tina Tran, Jacel Ancheta, and Dianne Nalapo performed a traditional Hawaiian dance as gifts were brought to the altar. Nalapo shared, "We're so honored that we're able to take part in such an important Mount tradition every year."

Now Kick, Now Kick! Following the Mass, attendees enjoyed their lunch with music. Students could not help themselves from dancing once the Cupid Shuffle was heard over the speakers.





A Mass For the Community: All individuals are welcomed to the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Tradition is honored as Fr. George O'Brien presides before guests.

"This Mass brings everyone together. You feel a sense of community."

—Daniella de la Fuente



This is My Blood: Students are offered to drink from the cup of the blood of Christ during the Eucharist. Whether individuals choose to fully participate or not, this experience is one that is meant to be inclusive to all members of the community.



Receiving the Body of Christ: Monika Wasshausen presents a smile after she has received communion. This time is quite reflective and offers people the opportunity to reflect on their personal lives while still being physically present with others during Mass.



Blessed from the Spirit: A student receives her sacramental bread during the Mass. Individuals have the option of participating in Communion by receiving a blessing from eucharistic ministers or by receiving the host.



Red Bracelet Society: Onjonet Williams gladly receives her red bracelet before taking her seat. The bracelet guarantees lunch for those who attended, and serves as a memento from the Mass.



Sing Praise: Nicole Negrete joyfully sings along as she walks up to the altar during the Mass of the Holy Spirit's beginning. All guests of the Mass are more than welcome to join in singing along to the hymns and harmonies.

Mount's Stars!

MOUNT'S GOT TALENT



Showertime Gems showered the crowd with a cover medley of today's top pop music. The use of the guitar, key-flute, and the cajon box added to the lively ambiance of the night.

"It was packed; full of people and full of talent!"

—Aimee Hernandez

Student Programming and Commuter Services hosted Mount's Got Talent. It took place on the new Campus Center Plaza which overlooked Brentwood's city lights and a starry night sky. Our Athenians got to showcase their talents in a lively and inviting ambiance full of cheers and applause. Dancing and singing were amongst the most popular performances this year. Spectators and participants also enjoyed making their own candy bags from a table full of sweets and received their own complimentary Starbucks coffee.

By: Patricia Arias



Gummy giveaway! Stacy Kim makes herself a cute little candy bag full of gummies from the candy bar. The candy bar had a variety of sweets to choose from including Redvines, M&M's, Blowpops, Skittles, Starburst and Peach Rings.

Full of emotion, Mary Grace Menses showed off tons of passion and soul in her performance. Her talents included singing and playing the guitar.



Intense concentration oozed through Jucel Andrin's face as he performed an energetic hip hop choreography. His use of finger tutting fascinated the crowd.



An enchanting performance from that of Allison Mayol & Joshua DeGuzman. Allison's debut to "Rather Be" by Clean Bandit filled the air with indie sounds and soft guitar strums.

Delightful singer Cecile Santiago amazed everyone with her angelic voice. Her emotions came out and a beautiful moment was captured.



What a Rhythm! Christine Plascencia and Natalie Resendiz hyped up the crowd with their belly dancing skills and upbeat music. Their energy level was monumental to say the least.



Sibling Heartthrobs Raven and Richmond Vinluan charmed everyone with their tribute to One Direction. The duet of brothers had the crowd clapping along and cheering as they performed across the stage.

A joyous moment capturing Chef Susan Feniger, Co-Chef/Owner of Border Grill restaurants, and President Dr. McElaney-Johnson. Chef Feniger prepared the food for the event.



Natural Born Leaders



WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On a warm Saturday morning in September, the Mount invited the larger Los Angeles community and its students to participate in The Women's Leadership Conference. There were women of all different ages that attended the event and became inspired by all the speakers that joined the Mount to share their stories and pathways to success. Dr. Ann McElaney-Johnson greeted the audience with a welcoming speech. Immediately after the keynote speaker, Susan Feniger spoke about her passion for cooking which launched her into being a talented chef with her very own cookbooks and television shows. She had the entire crowd gushing over her delicious food which she prepared for the special event. Feniger was a featured chef at the U.S Open in New York City next to the other participants on "Top Chef Masters." Feniger's genuine motivation comes from her fondness of authentic taste in food. One of the popular sessions, "Beyond The Boys club; Achieving Career Success in Male-Dominated Fields," was held by Annie Chu and Judge Michelle Williams. These powerful women promote the idea of breaking society's accepted gender roles and begin emerging into male dominated career paths.

BJ Gallagher is an author of many books that empower women to expand their abilities to seek their passions. She led the session "Its Never Too Late To Be What You Might Have Been". She is an inspirational speaker who promotes the idea that there's enough time to achieve one's dreams and it is never too late to start reaching for the stars.

By: Monique Hernandez



Awe inspiring. Audra Wilford presented her story about her son, Max, battling brain cancer and the creation of the Max Love Project. Audra shared with the community about her non-profit organization that help families to fight cancer and know they are not alone.



Female Empowerment! Hoang Nguyen listens intently to Michelle Williams, a judge in downtown Los Angeles. Judge Williams led the session about women breaking through a male dominated career.

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**"It's never too late
to be what you
might have been."
– BJ Gallagher**



Learning to Lead. Angelika Sann eagerly listened and laughed along during the workshop.



Capturing a moment of contagious smiling. Many of the day's attendees couldn't help but enjoy themselves during the event.



Raise your hands! There were many participants gathered in a classroom, eager and ready to participate and listen to the MSMC guest.

We are **UNSTOPPABLE**

STUDENT PEP RALLY 2014

We are spirited.
We are determined.
We are smart.
We are confident.
We are responsible.

We are Unstoppable.

We are

Mount Saint Mary's
University.



Students throw their hands up in excitement during the Pep Rally. Following the video in Hannon Theater, they hurried outside to catch our newest MSMU T-shirts.



Athenian Pride! Arnold Maningo proudly displays his new Unstoppable T-shirt that was given out at the pep rally.



Together we stand. President Ann McElaney-Johnson speaks of her enthusiasm for the transitions our college will experience in the near future.



A dance in history. Dahlia Maldonado, Allison James, Anais Maseda, and Katrina Tayo, spread their Athenian spirit to those in the crowd, encouraging them to get up and celebrate through dance. This rally brought students together in celebrating such a pivotal moment in Mount history.



MOUNT TRANSITIONS

Beginning January 5, 2015, Mount St. Mary's College will become Mount Saint Mary's University. To celebrate our college's transition, a Pep Rally gathered students in Hannon Theater, where they watched a clip commemorating our new name and enjoyed a performance by Alhambra's Mark Keppel High School's marching band. "Unstoppable" is the theme of Mount Saint Mary's University. Unstoppable represents qualities Mount students demonstrate, including: confidence, determination, responsibility, and spirit. There is nothing we Athenians cannot do.

By Chelsy Ramirez

Homecoming 2014



THIS IS OUR PAST...



Top Left: Long-Lasting Friendships: The Class of 2004 embrace one another as they pose for a picture. For many Athenians, Homecoming is the first and only time where they are able to get together and see those whom they graduated with.

Left Middle: Brought Together to This Day: Former Mount St. Mary's students participate in the Fun with Flowers workshop, one of the many offered during Homecoming 2014. During Fun with Flowers, alumnae are invited to learn how to make a flower arrangement. Other workshops that were offered included Sweet Techniques, a hands-on workshop on how to create delicious cupcakes, and The Art of Thinking on Your Feet, which helped to transfer one's skills to the workplace.

Bottom Left: Everbody Join! Current Mount students enjoy themselves in a moment full of laughter and enjoyment as they dance around the fountain in a conga line.



Photos By: Glenn Marzano



Amazing Alumni: Members of Mount St. Mary's Class of 1969 celebrated their 45th reunion at this year's Homecoming.



ATHENIAN REUNION

Homecoming at Mount St. Mary's brings alums from years past and current students to come together and celebrate the mere act of being an Athenian. It is a time where students can not only appreciate the role our college serves within their lives, but they can share this appreciation with the greater community. Athenians

gathered for a sophisticated champagne brunch, lively entertainment, and participated in workshops concerning food, social media, and overall health and well being. Those who attended Homecoming 2014 were able to experience such a memorable Mount event.

By: Patricia A. Arias &
Chelsy Ramirez

Charging Into The Future

GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR



On October 9, 2014 of Mount St. Mary's Fall semester, nearly half of the Mount's student body walked around campus in slacks, nice blouses, and ready to look ahead to their future as they walked into the Campus Center to speak to the various Graduate School representatives. Excited and looking forward to meeting the bright-eyed students, the representatives pranced into the Campus Center, located their designated table and set up their colorful pens, red cups, blue USB drives, and many other giveaways to give the students as a reminder of their prospective Graduate School. As the room filled, students conversed with over 53 Graduate schools ranging from the Army to FIDM. Offering masters programs that range from fashion and art to nursing and pharmacology school. Though many believe that Graduate School is for the graduating seniors and the joyful juniors preparing for their senior year of college, Mount students filled the Campus Center starting with students that are as young as freshman. Many of the graduate school representatives commented on how surprised they were at the level of interest Mount students had in graduate schools even as young as freshmen and sophomores. Representative Judi Weber from

California State University Dominguez Hills quoted, "how [she] couldn't believe how many students from Mount St. Mary's [were] interested in the next step of their education, and how active students at the Mount are in taking the initiative to look at prospective graduate schools. It's truly fascinating." Judi wasn't the only one fascinated, students were equally fascinated at how much the graduate schools have to offer. As they walked out of the Campus Center with flyers waving in their hands, and smiles across their face, Mount students had captured a tiny glimpse of their future, their next chapter. *By: Destanee Guevara*



Keeping Your Options Open.
A student listens intently to what one of the many representatives had to offer for graduate school.



Interested individual, Jessica Estrada fills out some paperwork to receive more information from the Masters program of her choice.

Looking ahead, Amanda Bituin looks to University of Southern California School of Business as one of her many options for Graduate school.



Students listen intently to the University of Southern California representative of the School of Social Work, in order to get a better understanding of what it might be like on the Trojan campus.



For the Future. Deborah Hernandez inquiring information about the Physician Assistant Studies program at the University of Southern California.





Get the Facts! Nadine Baylon and Sharon Kim are fascinated by alcohol facts provided by the SPCS Office.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS Safety First

Alcohol Awareness is a national event held every year for a week long period to promote safe driving and safe alcohol consumption. All schools participate in order to help students understand how to drink alcohol responsibly and how to keep others safe. Students were welcomed to this event with cupcakes, pamphlets describing the effects of alcohol, and colorful cups filled with soda posted with facts about alcohol on them. This informational event helped students be more aware about the possible dangers of alcohol in a way that was enjoyable. Students were well informed after leaving this event and more aware about the effects of alcohol.

By: Vanessa Gomez

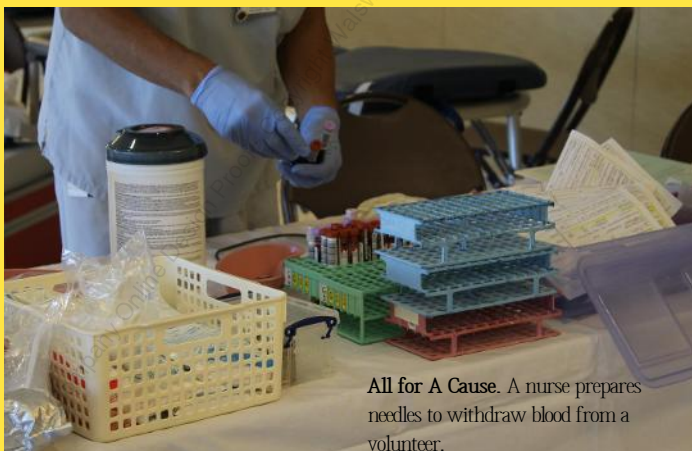


Don't Drink and Drive! Vanessa Gonzalez helps Diana Luong in an alcohol related activity on a laptop that is meant to bring awareness to the dangers of drinking and driving.



Alcohol Abuse is Life Abuse! Curious students stop by the Alcohol Awareness event to learn more about the dangers of alcohol abuse.

BLOOD DRIVE A Drop of Hope



All for A Cause. A nurse prepares needles to withdraw blood from a volunteer.

The annual blood drive conducted by ASB with help of CNSA was held in the Campus Center and was a great way for students to get involved and help save the lives of many people. Friendly nurses welcomed those who stepped up to donate blood. Once the procedure was complete participants had to wait patiently for fifteen minutes to make sure they were alright, and once time was up, they were given snacks and water bottles to restore their energy levels. Attendees left feeling good about themselves since they gave someone the gift of good health.

By: Christina Bailon

Every year at the Mount, the Community Engagement Fair is held to introduce students of all grade levels to the many ways they can be involved on campus and make a difference in their community. The fair was held at the Circle and the different organizations that participated were: Heal the Bay, A Place Called Home, Students Run L.A, Walk With Sally, Santa Monica Police Activity League, Schools on Wheels Inc., Give Gab, California Science Center, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, Hope Street Family Center, Peace Over Violence, Union Rescue Mission, Gerinet Health care, LATM, Constitutional Rights Foundation, Saint Joseph Worker Program, and MSMC Student Ambassador. This event was a great way for students to be proactive and help people who really need assistance.

By: Christina Bailon



Information central! A representative from The Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet happily explains her organization to students.

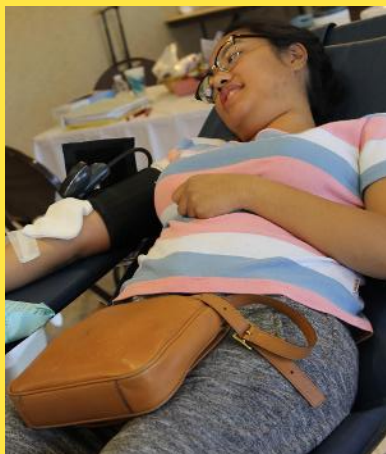
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FAIR A Call to Service



Connections are Everything! Allyza Movillais talking to a representative for a volunteer internship.



Get Involved. Rachel Villasista and Jean Navarro learn about the different ways they can be involved.



All About that Blood Drive Life! Athenians like Anastashia Magbitang await patiently as their blood are drawn. Professional Nurses keep track of their health to ensure that the students are safe.



Don't Forget to Re-energize. Volunteers help set up the snacks to give away to blood donors after their donation. The snacks provide the donors the energy to get them on their feet again after donating blood.

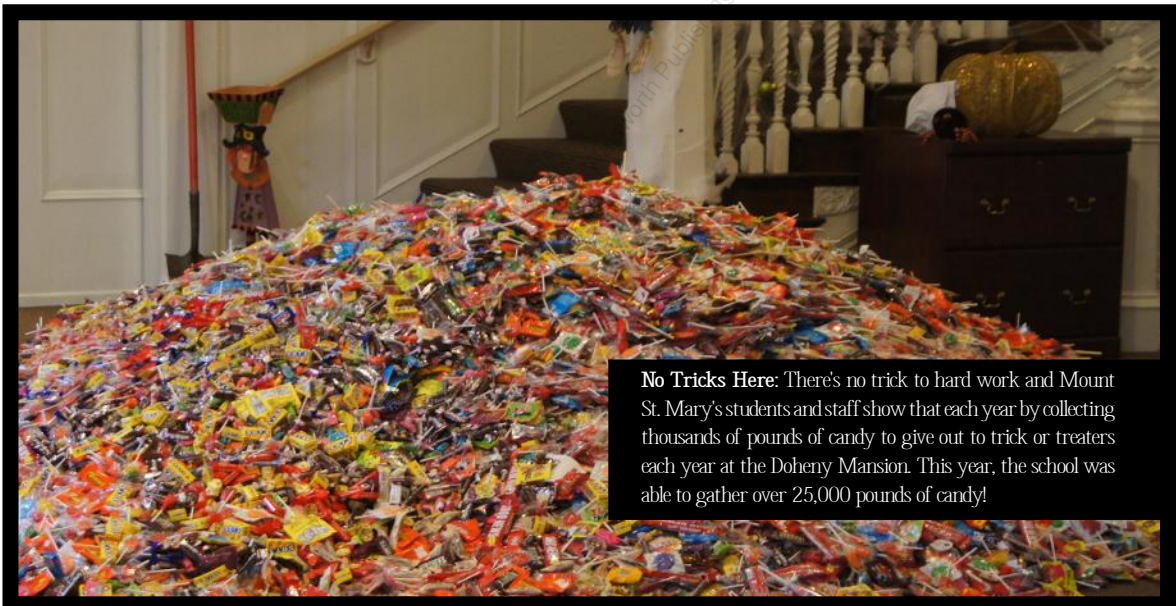
DOHENY HAUNTED MANSION



Every October, Doheny prepares for one of its biggest events of the year. Celebrating its 25th Anniversary, the Doheny Haunted Campus is an annual event where we open our gates, decked in Halloween decorations, to the children of the community for a night full of fun. Trick-or-treaters were already seen lined up at the entrance, donned in a variety of costumes, almost an hour before the event opened. Children excitedly run door-to-door, eagerly waiting for our Mount volunteers to fill their baskets with candy. The rain didn't stop the festivities, as the night was filled with good music from a live DJ, costume contests, and face painting fun that kept the children and parents coming back for more!

By Helouise Garcia

No Tricks,
Just Treats!



No Tricks Here: There's no trick to hard work and Mount St. Mary's students and staff show that each year by collecting thousands of pounds of candy to give out to trick or treaters each year at the Doheny Mansion. This year, the school was able to gather over 25,000 pounds of candy!



Trick or Treat: This handy helper helped spread Halloween cheer at Doheny as she gave trick or treaters what they've been waiting for all year—Candy!



Just Clowning Around: Our spirited students got into the Halloween spirit at the Doheny Mansion dressed as Dorothy and a friendly clown. The two helped stock up on candy for all of the enthusiastic trick or treaters.



80's Throwback: Celine Deperio and Savannah Lopez showcased their Halloween spirit on Friday, October 31, 2014. The duo sported 80's attire at Doheny's Halloween event where they volunteered until the sun came down on All Hallows Eve.

Did You Know HALLOWEEN FACTS

Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.

Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with death.

Tradition says that if you see a spider on this night, it could be the spirit of a dead loved one who is watching you.

The movie "Halloween" was filmed in 1978 and it only took 21 days to shoot.

It is illegal to dress up as a priest in the state of Alabama.

Harry Houdini, who is considered one of the most famous and mysterious magicians to live, died on Halloween.

On average, it takes about 252 licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop.

While the U.S believes that black cats bring bad luck, in England, it is believed that white cats bring bad luck.

Urban Legends say that if you put your clothes inside out and walk backwards on Halloween, you'll see a witch at midnight.

The word witch comes from the word 'wicce', an old English word that means 'wise woman.'

The first Jack-o-lanterns were not made from pumpkins, instead, they were made from turnips.





A breezy afternoon in November had many students gobbling down pumpkin pie and cotton candy. Some students gathered around the stage to see Mount guest singer, Matthew Jude. He strummed on his guitar to Ed Sheeran and many other classics, all the while encouraging the audience to sing and sway along. The fair also had various interactive activities, from a giant inflatable twister game to challenging carnival-themed table games. The blow-up twister game lasted 30 minutes which lead to having two prize winners. There were many students enthusiastically waiting by the henna station. Others chose to decorate their own personalized mason jars, which ran out quickly due to popular demand. At the end of fall fair the film crew for the new MSMU commercial gathered everyone to take a grand picture of the whole event. *By: Patricia Arias*



All That's Fall FALL FAIR: GAMES, TREATS, HENNA... WITH A TWIST!



Fun for all Stations were set up with different activities and treats like cotton candy, carnival games, henna tattoos and kettle corn.





Above: ...And do the twist: A long game of inflatable twister had everyone on edge with great anticipation on who would be the winner. Students stumbled around trying to figure out how to reach their assigned color and collapsed when it became difficult to hold an awkward pose.

Top Right: Don't Cause a Racket! Edward Vargas had fun playing some carnival games trying to knock down rubber ducks with a tennis ball.

Top Left: Don't Stop Bouncin': Brittany Lebayron jumped around the inflatable twister with good company after a game of twister.

Top: What's a Festival Without Pie? Students got a chance to bond over a slice of pumpkin pie and some kettle corn during the festivities.

Middle: Let's Get Creative! During the fair, MSMC students worked together to decorate their own mason jars filled with candies and potpourri.

Left: Pies & Patterns: Illeana Dulla concentrates while giving herself a henna tattoo. Her artistic skills radiate with every intricate pattern she does creates.

CHARITY BALL

A Night to Fancy



Getting dressed up for an event is always a rare commodity for a college student that has class, work, clubs, and studying to worry about. One night a year Mount students get excited and dress up in their nicest dress shirt and tie, or curled hair and dress fit for a princess. The infamous Charity Ball is one of the biggest events that takes place on the Mount campus that encompasses raising money for a charity of choice that ASB has decided to sponsor. This year, ASB has decided to sponsor the charity of The United Friends of the Children. In celebration of the charitable evening students enjoyed folklorico dancing by the Ballet Folklorico club and a night full of dancing and laughter. Half way through the night, students were excused to exit on to the moon lit balcony to participate in a silent auction. Prizes consisted of an Elsa bag filled with frozen goodies, Bath and Body Works' baskets, and dinner with President McElaney- Johnson. At the turn of the night, students walked the moon lit balcony taking pictures that overlook the city of Los Angeles. All in the spirit of charity.

By: Chelsy Ramirez



With great company, Students are nothing but smiles while enjoying a quick photoshoot at the Charity Ball together.

A night of magic!
The decor for the Charity Ball was Disney themed, which can be seen all throughout the Campus Center.



ETIQUETTE DINNER

Where Are Your

Manners?



Why are there so many forks? Where do I place my napkin if I wish to excuse myself from the dinner table? These types of questions can be answered in attending Career Services and Internships' annual Etiquette Dinner. The event helps students learn the proper etiquette during a meal whether it is amongst friends or a potential boss. It can be suggested that students find the information extremely helpful, as many make sure to attend every year. The seven-course meal is surely a nice incentive to attending the event.

By: Chelsy Ramirez

Top: When in doubt, pinky out!
Lively chatter can be heard as students exchange views on their dinner experience.

Bottom: Ready for the night. Seating arrangements are set before the event, giving students the chance to socialize and meet new people.

Have A Holly Jolly Christmas!



ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE CIRCLE

Lighting of the Circle is always a delightful way to bring the holiday season to Mount St. Mary's College. On Tuesday, November 18th students and staff gathered in the Circle to eat kettle corn, drink hot chocolate and enjoy a variety of sweets such as cupcakes and pie. Perhaps the most important detail however was that students and staff were able to take a break from their every day routines and spend time with one another. The lights surrounding the Circle seemed to twinkle to the rhythm of the holiday music and the air seemed to be filled with a special kind of joy. Students could be heard laughing the night away, some discussing plans for winter break

and others talking about changes they planned to make in the spring. When the festivities were on their way, students received a visit from Saint Nick himself. While some students took pictures, others were recruited to bring the Christmas spirit and more holiday cheer with the help of Laura Gomez. She motivated students to get out of their shell and sing Christmas carols for everyone to enjoy. Everyone who attended this event was able to experience a spark of the Christmas season that is coming very soon and never fails to bring out the best in everyone.

*By: Vanessa Gomez &
Maria Fernandez*



The Mount is a family. Aurora Israelson, Sr. Angela Faustina, President Ann McElaney Johnson, Haig Papelian, and Sr. Carol Brong brought together all aspects The Mount Community proving once again that we are more than a school.



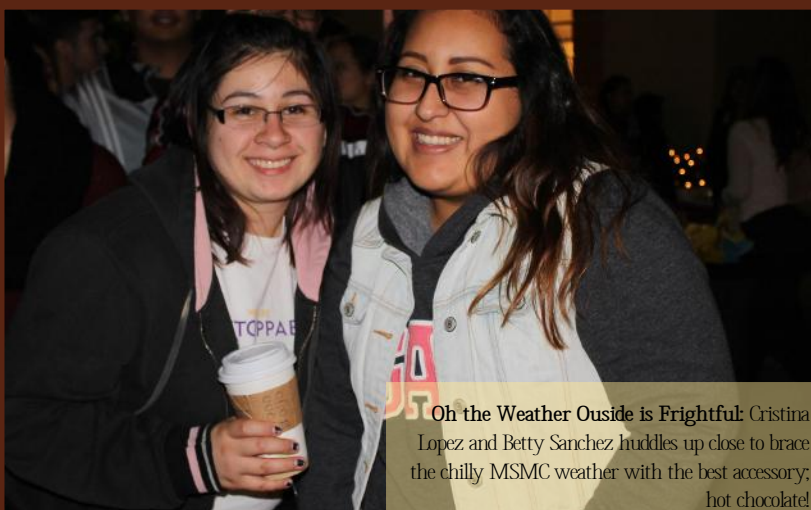
Photo Booth Fun: Kristen Calamaya and Tina Tran show that sometimes after a long day of classes, it's perfectly fine to sit back, relax and let your mustache loose.



Sweet Tooth Alert: Everyone loves sweets so it was no surprise that the vanilla cupcakes were the first to go.



Holiday Cheer: Laura Crow, Aurora Israelson, and Micah Daily get into the Holiday spirit as The Lighting of The Circle Kicks off the festivities.



Oh the Weather Outside is Frightful: Cristina Lopez and Betty Sanchez huddles up close to brace the chilly MSMC weather with the best accessory; hot chocolate!



Welcome Spring

As the chill of winter dies down, there is the promise of Spring and its warmer weather. Students come back after a relaxing break to begin the start of the year. As the new semester begins, it is the start of the official countdown to graduation and summer.

While students try to make good on their New Year's resolutions, Athenians take the new semester as the next challenge ready to be conquered. Not only does the new season bring change, but also new classes, professors and classmates too. Just like the new semester the Mount starts its newest chapter in history as Mount Saint Mary's University.

By: Mary Page Diaz

The background of the page is a collage of various student photos. On the left, there is a large pink triangle pointing towards the center. The rest of the page is filled with a grid of smaller photos showing students in different settings: some are sitting at tables, some are standing, and some are in groups. The photos are slightly faded and overlaid with text.

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From College to University

MAKING MOUNT HISTORY

January 2015 marks a very important milestone for the Mount community. Since its founding ninety years ago, Mount St. Mary's College has always been marking its footsteps on the world, inspiring students, and changing lives along the way. As the new year rolled in, the Mount itself made a change: what was previously known as Mount St. Mary's College, is now the new and improved, Mount Saint Mary's University! Taking on the world one step at a time, MSMU is a symbol for greater changes to come. When students returned at the start of the spring semester, changes were seen all over campus. The new logo was just the tip of the iceberg. The two campuses had been undergoing renovations as well, as seen with the completion of the Grand Entrance in the Chalon campus, and the addition of the Doheny quad, which overlooks the new Library Entrance. Students were also introduced to the new Office365 email system, creating a greater connection between students, faculty and staff. From welcome signs, to new student IDs, the transition was evident in every corner. Even Father George O'Brien, a professor at The Mount since 1978, knew the change had big implications. Though seemingly subtle, Fr. O'Brien presumes that the name change is a sign for bigger and brighter things. "The word *college* increasingly

denotes a two-year institution," he stated, and with the school taking on a University title, expectations will also rise. "I've noticed over the years that we have been getting increasingly better students and raising the bar high," Fr. O'Brien says. The transition is a mark for greater changes not only with the school itself, but in its student body. Change is important, and it is constantly there, "Even technology has changed," Fr. O'Brien added, "when I first came here, I had a mechanical typewriter!"

By: Helouise Garcia



Check out the merch! New Mount Saint Mary's University mugs and t-shirts are displayed in the bookstore for faculty, staff, students, and visitors to buy.



{Unstoppable}



School Pride! Maria Sandoval proudly displays a Mount Saint Mary's University pinnet at the Chalon bookstore.



Welcome! New signs are on the main gate of the Doheny campus showing that we are now Mount Saint Mary's University.

Unstoppable! The Mount Saint Mary's University logo can be seen on the new merchandise at the campus bookstores at Doheny and Chalon. The new logo has been added to the shuttles, service trucks, front entrance, and banners around the Circle. You can even spot advertisements of The Mount on billboards and buses throughout the city.



Gear up! Mount Saint Mary's University shirts, sweaters, and stuffed animals are available for purchase.



Emcees of the program, Sydney Jones and Asia McCready took the audience on a trip down memory lane to illustrate the importance of Black History Month.



AACW VARIETY SHOW

On February 21, 2015 the African American Council of Women came together at their 2nd annual Variety Show to bring awareness of Black History month and women empowerment at Mount Saint Mary's University. The room was full of excitement as inspiring Mount Saint Mary's University students and invited performers took the stage and guest on a trip down memory lane. Students recited poems with great passion reminding people of the amazing culture that we so many times take for granted. The African American Council of Women hosted a wonderful event keeping guests on the edge of their seats from start to finish. It's no doubt that AAWC will continue to strive and shine as a club on campus.

By: Maria Fernandez



On Jonet Williams, a freshman Doheny student, proudly recites two original pieces of poetry. An out of state student from Delaware, she shares an empowering story of how poetry impacted her life.

I Am Every Woman >>

Alanah Nicosia, a junior at MSMU pursuing a major in music, beautifully belted the operatic lyrics to Summertime by Ella Fitzgerald, leaving the audience pleasantly surprised.



Reaching out to the crowd. Invited guest performer Alyse Rockett delighted attendees with a wonderful performance. The inspiring young woman performed a praise dance to the song Take My Hand Precious Lord written by Rev. Thomas A. Dorsey.



Encore! MSMU guest performers and students take their final bows at the end of the annual African American Council of Women's Variety Show after leaving attendees in awe of the raw talent each of these individuals possess.



"I am a woman, phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, that's me." Haley Williams stunned at the AACW Variety Show reciting I am a Woman by Maya Angelou. The young woman empowered the audience during her remarkable performance.

»» A Showcase of Talent »»

MOUNT COMMUNITY NIGHT



The show displayed multiple talents from students here at Mount Saint Mary's University. The beautiful voices that walk the school's halls everyday left the crowd in awe. Other talents such as poetry slam, dance, and martial arts were also a display of fresh and new entertainment. The talents were judged by three individuals from the Mount. First place went to Alanah Nicosia who impressed everyone with her powerhouse performance of "Summertime", by Ella Fitzgerald.

By: Patricia A. Arias

Audible art. Performers Onjonet Williams wowed the crowd with an intense spoken word poem and Ana Hernandez brought many to tears with her rendition of "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen.



Very Important People! Friends Janelle Meza, Jennifer Nooe, Stephanie Espejo, and Nadine Baylon sit in the VIP section and enjoyed the show. They were gifted small popcorn buckets with multiple prizes inside.



Bringing Old Roots Back. Traditional "Zapateado" dancing was one of the unique talents shown among the performers.

Triple Threat! Members of Showtime Jems perform a musical number that captures our hearts.



Exploring LA

MOUNT IN THE CITY

Mount in the City is a program organized by Student Programming & Commuter Services. This gives all students a chance to explore the many places that LA has to offer. Fall semester consisted of trips to the Sound of Music Sing-A-Long at the Hollywood Bowl, a Dodger game, and Catalina Island. Spring Semester allowed students to attend trips to an Ice Skating Party in Santa Monica, a Medieval Times dinner, and Cinderella the Musical at the Ahmanson Theatre. This is a way for students to spend time with their friends at many amazing places in the city of LA and for a cheaper price than they would pay on their own. Many students were able to benefit from the transportation provided by Student Programming so that they would not have to drive or find a ride by themselves. This program had many different events that students enjoyed going to because they were able to take a small break and relax from the stress of school on a Friday or Saturday night. This gave most students a chance to experience something that they would have never thought of doing on their own and they received a huge benefit from it.

By: Vanessa Gomez



Relax and enjoy the day! Although the beginning of the year is not as stressful, students were able to unwind and spend their Saturday making memories and exploring the beautiful Catalina Island. For many students, this was the first time visiting making the trip that much more memorable.

Night with the Stars

NIGHT WITH THE FILHARMONICS



A Night with The Filharmonic was an amazing opportunity for students to see one of their favorite acappella groups live. The six all male Filipino-American group was able to show off their musical talent and give Mount Saint Mary's University a great show. They were first seen on YouTube and then went on to perform on "The Sing-Off" and "Pitch Perfect 2".

This group enjoys

singing in an urban hip-hop vocal style with their vocalists, vocal bass, and beat boxer.

The vocalists of this group are VJ Rosales, Joe Caigoy, Trace Gaynor, and Barry Fortang. The vocal bass of the group is Jules Cruz and the beat boxer is Niko Del Rey. Together, this group is able to share the passion that they have for music with all of their fans. Student Programming & Commuter Services made this an unforgettable event, even for people who did not know this group to begin with. Students were able to experience memorable musical talent that they will always cherish. This group enjoys making their performance into something that the audience will be able to dance to and have a great time. This was a great way for all students to come together and have a fun night to reward themselves for studying hard during midterm season.

By: Vanessa Gomez



A beautiful harmony. VJ Rosales, Joe Caigoy, Trace Gaynor, Barry Fortang, Jules Cruz, and Niko Del Rey, begin showing their passion for music as they perform for Mount students



Art at the Mount

For many years, the José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery has held its custom of hosting exhibits of various talented artists throughout Los Angeles, including our very own students and professors. In Fall, they showcased artist's Peter Shelton's Peter Shelton:littleBIG exhibition. In Spring, there were two exhibitions: Reference to Geometry and Mixed Nuts: MSMU Faculty Show. The Mixed Nuts: MSMU Faculty Show carried work by Jody Baral, Phil Goldwhite, Patricia Liverman, Victoria Loschuk, Susan McDonnell, Jennifer Phiffer, Paul Trautwein, Kim Tucker, Janine Vigus, and Sarah G. Vinci. The exhibit showcased a variety of art styles including ceramic sculptures, oil paintings, digital photos, and dry layered paint.

By: Patricia Arias &
Jessica Flores

Paul Trautwein
"Family Pictures"

*"The diversity of the artists
and their art is what captures
me the most."*

– Kim Tucker



Left: "Soiled, Spoilt, Suppositions." 2015
Right: "Roses." 2015



Kim Tucker

Sculptures:
Left: "Glad to be Here", 2012

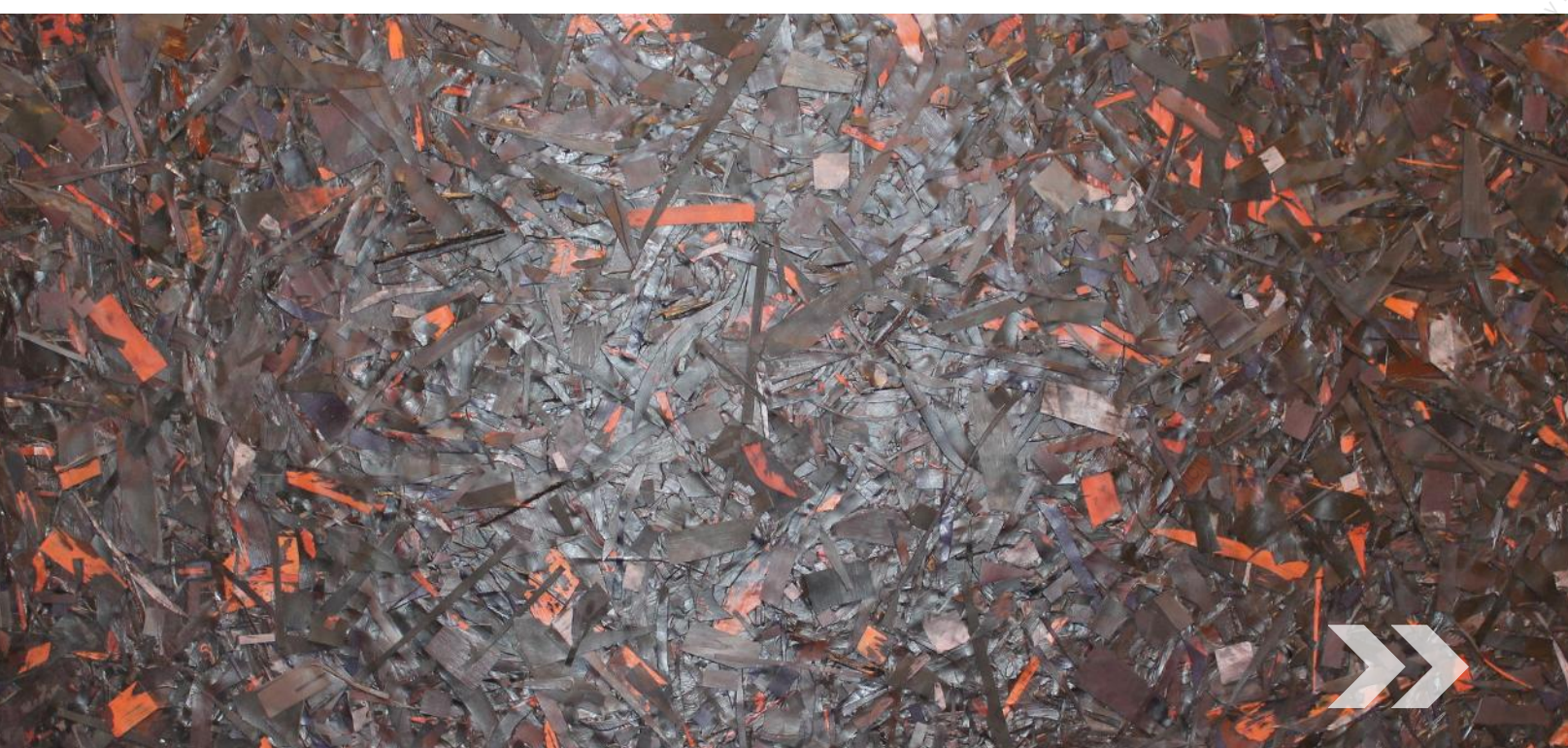


Sculptures:
Right: "Blue Knucklehead", 2014



Sarah G. Vinci

"Tote." 2015



– JOSÉ DRUDIS-BIADA ART GALLERY –



Jody Baral

Left: "Stack of hands", 2014
Middle: "Push", 2014-2015
Right: "Claws", 2014-2015



Patricia Liverman

Above: "Accumulation 6", 2012
Farthest to nearest: "Stacked Painting 7", 2009
"Stacked Painting 3", 2008
"Stacked Painting 6", 2009



Janine Vigus

Catalog Design for Hayward Oubre exhibition at
Greenville County Museum of Art



Victoria Loschuk

Olympic Blvd. "T"

Striving for Success



Information Central. Vanessa Gonzalez and Dahlia Maldonado receive information from a hospital that interested them.



Speaking from experience. Representatives from local hospitals speak to students about different opportunities one can have when in their line of work.

NURSING PANEL

The Nursing Panel was an event open for Nursing and Pre-Nursing students at Mount Saint Mary's University. There were twelve hospitals that came to the Mount. Students were able to learn about different clinical experiences in internships and careers. The hospitals that came to the Mount were the UCLA Health System, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, City of Hope, Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Francis Health Center, Cope Health Solutions, Kaiser Permanente, Keck School of Medicine of USC, U.S. Air Force R.O.T.C, The US Navy, Providence Health & Services, and the U.S. Army. The different hospitals were able to tell students about their recruitment process and what it takes to be hired into their hospital. The Nursing students were able to connect with the hospitals of their interest after this event. The Nursing Panel is the best way for the students to broaden their horizons in their field of interest. Students who attended this event saw this as an important resource that they can benefit from.

By: Vanessa Gomez

Competitive Fun

NURSING WARS

An event where all the nursing students were invited to have a friendly competition with each other, The Nursing Wars is definitely one for the books. This event was held at the beginning of spring semester and it was a great way for all the nursing students to come together. Students from freshman to seniors were invited. Each class had their own captain and team color. The competition consisted of four games and trivia that students had to answer in order to win. Students enjoyed showing off their skills to each other and demonstrating the things they have learned.

By: Vanessa Gomez



Eat it to win it! Katherine Beirmayer tries her best to keep up in an eating contest with fellow nursing majors.



Trust the team! Ermello Pena patiently allows his teammates Jessica Villanueva and Denise Mandap to paint his face.

Dress to Impress

JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIR

Mount Saint Mary's University Career Services hosted 54 organizations at the Job and Internship Fair. This year, students had the opportunity to speak with recruiters from different companies and learn of career opportunities in their field. This gave all students a chance to find an organization related to their major and to further expand their career options in the nearby future. According to freshman Jazmin Rosales, "This was a great resource because we were able to speak to people about getting hired by their company someday. This helped me prepare for my future because I learned about the hiring process that companies use and now I understand what I have to fulfill to get my job after college." For the students who really wanted to impress the companies they were able to dress in business attire. Career Services gave students the chance to have their LinkedIn photos taken if they came in their business attire. This event was the best approach to speak with employers from companies that a student has always wanted to work for. All students who attended this event were able to gather necessary information for their future.

By: Vanessa Gomez



For your Information. Lesty Matteo, a Mount alumni, happily grabs a flyer for a job she is interested in.



Endless Opportunities!
Over 150 students came to gather information about 54 companies and organizations available at the fair.

One step closer! Jessica Lopez signs in at the Job and Internship Fair, ready to network with potential employers.



Happy to help. Mount Saint Mary's Alumni attended the Job and Internship Fair to show support for current MSMU students.



Beautiful, Strong, »» Unstoppable

As an all women's school, we strive to be unique, determined, and unstoppable. This year, The 2015 Report on the Status of Women and Girls sold out educating a crowd of over 1000 individuals who were more than enthusiastic to learn about the research conducted and how we as an all women's institution can continue to make a difference. Given that there are still high amounts of gender inequality, this report is important because it gives insight as to how we can fix the problem at hand. The women of Mount Saint Mary's University stood together at this event which had to be held off campus in order to comfortably fit the ever growing crowd. Amongst attendees were President Ann McElaney Johnson, The First Lady of Los Angeles Amy Elaine Wakeland as well as many other inspirational women such as students, policy makers and government officials. Attendees at the event were given the opportunity to network with panelist both before and after the presentations were given. The ever growing crowd goes to show that change is coming and Mount Saint Mary's University will be a part of the change and will continue to be unstoppable. *By: Maria Fernandez*



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announces the partnership with Mount Saint Mary's in order to develop a plan of attack to address gender inequality.

Sheryl WuDunn shared her ideas of how to change women's and young girls lives. Her inspirational speech conveyed her passion.



Jane Wurwand, founder of the Dermalogica Foundation's Financial Independence enjoyed the conference in the audience before going on stage and giving her presentation.

From the Heart

INVITATION TO SERVE

In the words of Mother Teresa, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” On Saturday, March 21, 2015 students joined together to honor the legacy left by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The sisters, through their compassion and understanding have showed Mount students that giving back is sometimes more rewarding than receiving. Students gathered bright and early at the Doheny campus with motivation and determination to help their community and those in need. What was once a one time event has blossomed into an annual all university day of service bringing students, staff and faculty together in order to make a difference. Alone we may not be able to accomplish much, but together as a whole, as a community we are unstoppable. Not only is The Mount filled with bright and intelligent students, but also students willing to help those in need.

By: Maria Fernandez



Get Ready! Set! Serve! A group photo is taken of the volunteers before they depart to help those in need. Everyone made sure to come prepared with comfortable clothing, shoes and a great big smile!



Help Heal the Bay. Volunteers prepare to depart to The Mount's adopted section of the Santa Monica Pier/Beach to clean it up so that it may be safe for people and wildlife to be in.




Society St. Vincent de Paul. Jazmin Sanchez and her guest Angeles Sanchez help fold and organize clothes that will go to a local thrift store.



Alexandria House. Gladys Cerros and Vanessa Mendoza put on their best smiles while cleaning up the Doheny campus garden.



Let's Feed the Homeless! Judith Villaseñor and an Alumna package foods that will be distributed to a variety of homeless shelters.



For our Sisters, Jacel Ancheta danced in the Na Pua O'Kaina tribute performance.

With warm regards, Sr. Callista Roy reading all of the Thank You notes made by students. The appreciation from everyone made her smile and feel appreciated.

Cheers! Students and faculty are seen clapping as the Sisters receive their awards. Their warm smiles show how happy and appreciative they are for the Sisters.

Thank You, Sisters

CSJ APPRECIATION DAY

On March 18th, the Mount community came together to celebrate and show appreciation for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The different ways we showed appreciation was through student speeches, intimate one-on-one conversations, club dance presentations, delicious food, beautiful flowers given to the Sisters, and most importantly, spending time with them. Each sister was honored with an award for their time at Mount Saint Mary's.

By: Jessica Flores

"We are truly grateful for the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet!"



With open arms, President Ann McElaney-Johnson showing appreciation towards Sr. Angela Faustina, welcoming her with a smile.

Star-struck! Lance Capisanan approached Sr. Callista Roy to tell her about her amazing Roy model in the nursing program. He said he has used the Roy model in his clinicals and has benefited from it tremendously.



Throwback! Before the event began, the sisters got a chance to sit and catch up with one another for the memories.

Letters of thanks. The handwritten letters students wrote expressing their appreciation and gratitude for the Sisters. Without them, we wouldn't have a Mount Saint Mary's University.



Balba vs. Bucket
Sean Balba successfully gathers ping pong balls to transfer them to the buckets at the end of the pool.



What a Support System! Allison Wang is a team player as she eagerly cheers on her team, the Nursing Ninjas.



Spirits were high and loud cheers echoed throughout campus on April 11, as the Mount community prepared themselves for a day full of fun and challenging activities. Students, faculty, staff and alumni were given the opportunity to create teams of 6-8 to participate in the Fitness Center's 24th Annual Athenian Day. The event took place on the tennis courts of Chalon's Fitness Center. Awesome prizes, a free t-shirt, and snacks were

handed out to participants. There were also variety of games that put each team's skills, teamwork, and competitiveness to work. Each team had their own team uniform and were given the freedom to design it themselves. The Fresh RA's of L.A., a.k.a Residence Assistants, took the first place title of the games.

By: Jessica Flores



Calm and Poised
Kirsten Puga and Hla Hla Thwe sit on the top of their teammates' shoulders as the rest of the group is trying to stay balanced within a small square.



ATHENIAN DAY 2015

Go, Diego, Go! ISAE participates in a very challenging three-legged race that involves getting and transporting the most water out of a sponge. Each participant must use their other senses to aid their teammate.



Hungry, Hungry, Hippos! Katrina Tayo and Susan Velasco scoot their way in to the middle of chaos to collect the most balls for their team.



Two Campuses, One Heart. Chalon ASB creates a bridge of friendship for their fellow Doheny ASB leaders.

»» **An
Unstoppable
Force**



Working it! Members from the Mount Movement are ready to talk to prospective students about getting involved in their club.



Big smiles! Current Mount students Yesenia Penate, Julia Vanella and Richmond Vinluan attended Admitted Student's Day to promote Mount Saint Mary's University and shared their experiences.



We're here for you! Andrea Perez and Illeana Dullas from Student Affairs are ready to discuss all that their office does for students.



Aloha! Members from the Na Pua O Ka'Aina Club pose next to their display board, which showed photos about their club happenings like their annual Luau.



Cultural performance at its finest. The Pangkat Pilipino Club showcased their superb skills in a Filipino dance, Tinikling.



It's all about that Greek Life! Sorority members join the fray in talking to individuals about how fellow "sisters" help with the transitions into college.



Konnichiwa! Mariel Santos is dressed in traditional Japanese clothing to represent the Sakura Kai Club.



Cheers! Members from the Ballet Folklórico Club are showing off their dance wear.

Welcome to the Family

ADMITTED STUDENTS DAY

Admitted Student's Day is an annual event hosted by Mount Saint Mary's University Chalon Campus. It is a day for prospective students to learn more about the Mount and what they offer, so they can decide if they want to commit to the school. Clubs, organizations, and faculty members were ready to meet with the prospective students, eager to talk to them about the benefits of this institution, and to convince them as to why the Mount is a good fit for them. There were amazing performances by Mount clubs such as Pangkat Pilipino and the Ballet Folklórico Club that wowed the crowd. The Mount's new logo could

be seen on every banner, flyer and pamphlet, reflecting the school's pride of the recent name change. Parents of prospect students were just as impressed as their children to see what the Mount was all about and how friendly and inviting everyone was. This event was an overall success and some prospective students left feeling assured that the Mount is the right school for them.

By: Christina Bailon

A Howdy Good Time

SPRING CARNIVAL

The wind was blowing ever so softly and the sun shone the way it only does at the start of Spring. Students were laughing and enjoying the break from studying, while others chatted about the stress coming with finals and the end of the year. Although Spring brings students closer to summer, many times it can be difficult because the course load is harder and many students, especially seniors,



One strike, two strikes, three strikes out! Yvonne Cillian enthusiastically attempted to dunk Laura Crow, the Dean of Student Life while her friends cheered her on.

develop *senioritis*. Spring Carnival was a perfect way for students to unwind and unleash their inner cowboys and cowgirls. Students and faculty came out to enjoy the festivities and commuters enjoyed free meals compliments of Student Programming and Commuter Services. Even the Dean of Student Life, Laura Crow, came out and volunteered to sit in the dunk tank. The Dean was all smiles as she encouraged students to have a good time and try to dunk her, and, while not many succeeded, all had a good time. With everything students deal with, Spring Carnival is always a great way to start bringing the semester to a close. *By: Maria Fernandez*

ASB brought the Wild West to The Mount. Never overlooking any details, ASB showcased their creativity providing students with drinks in none other than cowboy boots.



How sweet! Suzane Kim and Katherine Biermeyer enjoyed Spring Carnival by munching on cotton candy and popcorn, while visiting the many booths scattered throughout The Circle.

Strike a pose! A group of nursing students take the time off of their busy schedule to enjoy the festivities.



Dig in! There's no better way to reunite with friends and unwind than with a good old plate of traditional Southern food. Food Services served up the meals and ASB served up the fun!

Ready, Set, Go! Things got a little messy at Mount Saint Mary's University when students had to find gummy bears in a bowl filled with none other than whipped cream. Sean Balba, Aloha Cabalquinto, Michella Mousad, Brittany LeBayron and Harmoni Morales braced the messiness and set out to win first prize in the Spring



Games, games and more games! Students had a variety of different games to choose from during spring carnival. Jessica Farrell and Dahlia Maldonado, were eager to greet students and help them de-stress in fun and innovative ways.





Candles light the way, as Jessica Soto and her sponsor walk towards Mary Chapel as part of the procession.

Learn. Pray. Reflect.



A peaceful walk down the nave. Individuals going through Confirmation and First Communion make way into the chapel and towards the altar.



Raising her hand in encouragement. Alanah Nicosia asks the audience to sing along to the gospel during the Mass.



Giving a silent blessing. Bishop Sylvester Ryan takes Kathy Duran in his hands during the Confirmation ceremony.



Altar Server Smiles Juliette Jauregui, Crystal Valencia. Vanessa Trice lead the end of the procession as Altar Servers.

Confirmed in Christ Tina Torres and Emma Kroll smile proudly after the Confirmation ceremony.



Sharing Compassion Jocelyn Ordena shows gratitude toward Bishop Sylvester Ryan with a warm hug.



CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Baptism, Confession, & Confirmation. These are just a few of the Seven Sacraments, which makes up the Catholic Church. Each of these sacraments is a sign of grace, and form of worship. Students have the opportunity to partake in these sacraments while at Mount Saint Mary's, which allows them to have a more wholesome spiritual experience. As a Catholic institution, spiritual growth is emphasized, and students are expected to learn from these experiences in order to make positive changes in the world.

By Helouise Garcia

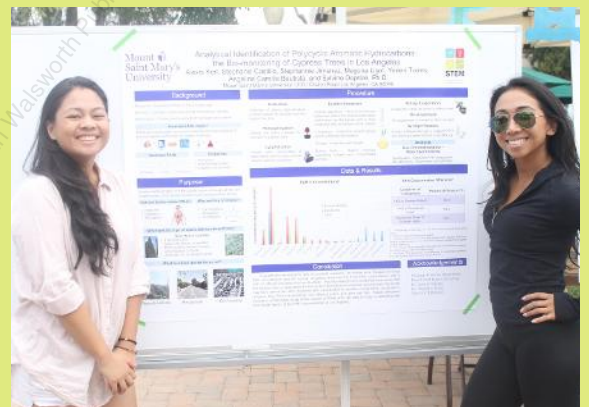


Show off your green thumb! Riki Esquier was excited and ready to plant her succulents in her pot. Students were given the option to choose from a pot or a water bottle to plant their succulents in.



EARTH DAY AT THE MOUNT

The weather was gloomy and the clouds were hovering over Mount Saint Mary's, but that did not stop the Mount community from celebrating our precious Earth. The Annual Earth Day Fair took place on April 22, 2015 in the Circle at the Chalon campus. Students lined up to receive their succulent plants with their choice of a pot or water bottle to put their plant in. Pastel-colored paint was provided to students to use for decorating their pots/water bottles. Books were also handed out, free of charge, all thanks to the Charles Willard Coe Memorial Library. "They were donated to the library and for earth day they were just giving them out. I love free books!" said Tanya Morales. On the educational side of the event, students, faculty, and staff were also given the opportunity to showcase their Earth Day projects.



Angeline Bautista and Megona Ligot are proudly showcasing a project that they worked on with their peers: Alexis Kerl, Stephanie Castillo, Stephanie Jimenez, and Yeneri Torres. Dr. Sylvine Deprele also helped them with their research on the Bio-monitoring of Cypress Trees in Los Angeles. These ladies are scientists in the making!

By: *Jessica Flores*

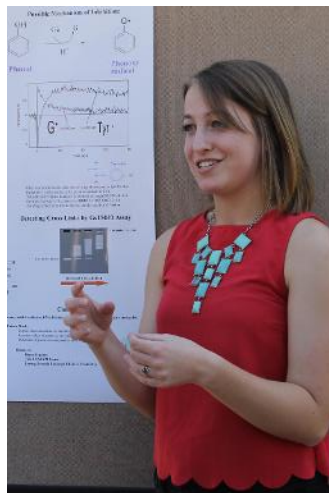
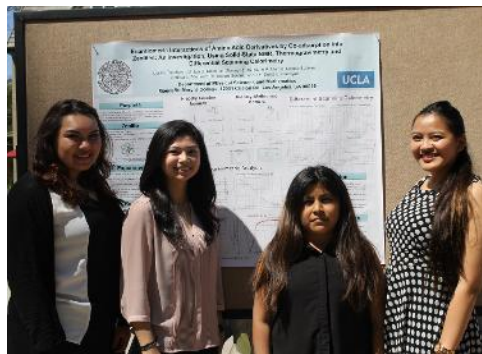
How Green Are You?



Good reads: Tanya Morales was super excited about the free books that the library was giving out during National Book Day. She couldn't help but grab more than one. Flowers were also handed out along with the free book! How lovely!



Color your world: Joleen Cambe and Quinnie Liang were relieved to take a break from their busy schedules to relax and decorate their succulent pots. There were so many colors to choose from!



Top Left: Educating minds! Kimber Slater, a Biology Major, presents her research to fellow Mount Students.

Top Middle: Cool Chemists! Dr. Cizmeciyan's research group, Nicolle Sankari, Stacey Ira, Maria Lopez, and Marie Garcia showcase their findings.

Top Right: It's Just Emotions. Students, faculty, and staff come together to hear a presentation on different emotions that we feel as humans.

Bottom Left: Poverty in our Nation. Nursing student, Victor Pineyra, explains to the crowd the theory and purpose of his study on poverty.

Bottom Right: Fascinating Finds! Emma Kroll discusses her findings on DNA protein crosslinking via green tea to faculty and students.



A Lesson Learned

ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM

The Academic Symposium is an annual event where students and faculty share the various research projects they have been working on within the local community. Taking place at the Doheny campus, fellow Mount students from both the Chalon and Doheny campuses flocked to see what their peers worked on. Presentations varied from poster sessions to platform/oral presentations, while the topics ranged from Biology to English. Student presenters included: Cynthia Chaggan, Erika Ramos Psy.D, Lusine Topchyan, Shilpa Krishnan, Stacey Ira, Marie Garcia, Connie Cardona, Sandra Segura, Izamar Santamaria, Martha Lopez, Shani Habibi, Lisseth Cruz, Rochelle Ko, Janette Mincitar, Kimber Slater, Jennifer Aldous, Camille Bautista, Eric Stemp, Daisy Galindo, Priscilla Garcia, Gensee Martinez, Kelly Hernandez, Madison Hernandez, Pamela L. Gist, Blake Gardner, Audrey Tuna, Evelyn Rivera, Emma Kroll, Melissa Martinez, and Jocelyne Ordenana. Athenian students did

an excellent job explaining their hard work, while professors also gave oral presentations, impressing their students with perfect presentation skills cultivated from years of experience explaining new information to people. This year, the departments that participated were those of the Biological Sciences, the Business Administration/Marketing, Community Engagement, the Physical Sciences & Mathematics, English, and Psychology. The event was a great way for Mount students to show off all the hard work that went into their researches. "It was an honor to be able to present our research to our community," Marie Garcia, a Senior Chemistry major stated. The Academic Symposium is an event in which all students, faculty, and staff are able to come together and get a chance to understand each others' passions, while also getting a chance to expand their knowledge outside their own.

By: Vanessa Gomez & Christina Bailon

Unstoppable Leaders in the Making

ATHENIAN AWARDS RECEPTION

On the evening of April 15, students, faculty, and staff gathered in the Campus Center for a memorable night acknowledging the Mount's student leaders. The Athenian Awards is an event that Women's Leadership organizes each year to recognize student's involvement in the campus community. Delicious pastries and soft drinks were given out to attendees. As the reception began, everyone was enlightened with the installation of the new Chalon campus ASB officers for the 2015-2016 school year. Departmental Awards also recognized student leaders in: Campus Ministry, Student Programming & Commuter Services, Residence Life, Sports and Wellness, Student Ambassadors, and Women's Leadership.

The crowd was filled of students with great energy and support that spread throughout the whole room. As each student stood to receive their award, their fellow peers applauded and cheered with so much enthusiasm. Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President for Student Affairs, closed the reception with a speech that began with her astonishment of the support she saw amongst the students. A heartwarming slide show was shown at the very end showcasing all of the Clubs and Organization's Presidents and Vice Presidents. No one was left behind for their recognition of hard work and dedication towards their success at the Mount.

Congratulations to all the 2014-2015
Athenian Awards recipients!

By: Jessica Flores



Rockstars! Lisa Villa from ISAE and Dr. Sylvine Deprele from the Physical Science & Mathematics Department received their Staff and Faculty of the Year award. Students are really appreciative of their constant support and encouragement on becoming a leader at the Mount.



The Outstanding Leaders (First Time) received their award for showing true leadership skills on campus. We hope to see these ladies receive their Second Time Outstanding Leader award.



The amazing Campus Ministry team received their Athenian Award for inspiring spiritual life on campus.



For the win! ASB received Organization of the Year award for all the events and support they provide to the Mount community.

OUTSTANDING LEADERS (FIRST TIME)

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Amber Rodriguez | Mitzi Barragan |
| Andrea Castaneda | Mitzuky Orellana |
| Barbara Escobar | Nailea Corado Paredes |
| Beleysbell Romero | Natalie Merced Navarrette |
| Bianca Silva | Nicole Negrete |
| Blanca Duenas | Priscilla Close |
| Blean Girma | Rebeka Garcia |
| Brenda Valenzuela | Sean Balba |
| Cecilia Pimental | Stephany Orduna |
| Cindy De Leon | Teresa Garcia |
| Cristina Lopez | Thien-Hoang Nguyen |
| Dahlia Maldonado | Veronica Ochoa |
| Dana-Rae Gipson | Yessenia Diaz |
| DeAnna Consiglio | |
| Deisy Coral | |
| Erica Cisneros | |
| Haley Williams | |
| Hellen Alvarez | |
| Helouise Garcia | |
| Ingrid Cruz | |
| Jasmine Scales | |
| Katrina Tayo | |
| Kimber Slater | |
| Maria Sandoval | |
| Mary Page Diaz | |
| Melissa Sanchez | |

OUTSTANDING LEADERS (SECOND TIME)

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Andrea Perez | Marisol Delgado |
| Diana Hernandez | Mayra Perea |
| Dianne Nalapo | Monika Wasshausen |
| Esmeralda Escarzaga | Sofia Flores |
| Hoang Nguyen | Vanessa Pompa |
| Ines Vera | Yanira Olague |
| Jenny Sanchez | |
| Katia Camacho | |
| Kristi Samoya | |
| Makayla Martin-Diaz | |

EMERGING LEADERS

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Aloha Cabalquinto | Jessica Farrell |
| Amber Holt | Joelle Balthazar |
| Amy Fistonich | Kelsey Horrigan |
| Ana Hernandez | Lilianna Rojas |
| Andrea Sierra | Lluvia Velasco |
| Angelica Sandoval | Megan Jessome |
| Destanee Guevara | Melanie Sava |
| Edward Varga | Monalise Fortuna |
| Ilse Lammas-Medina | Monique Bracamonte |
| Janelle Meza | Nancy Alvarado |
| Jeannica Tan | Rebeka Sandoval |
| | Sydnei Jones |
| | Yaritza Villa |

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Associated Student Body

MOST COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM

Scholar Mentor Fair hosted by the
Scholar Mentor Club
In collaboration with the California
Nursing Student Association, Alpha
Ta Delta, WISH, Pi Gamma Mu,
Kappa Delta Chi, & Pi Theta Mu

MOST ORIGINAL PROGRAM

Tutorpalooza hosted by the
Scholar Mentor Club

MOST CREATIVE PUBLICITY

California Nursing Student Association

Victorious Victors

DOHENY'S LAUREL DAY

Students glanced nervously at the ground, some fidgeting with their hands, anticipating the moment they had been looking forward to in the last few weeks. This was it. The recognition to all the hard work they had put forth in the last school year. For many students, this marked the end of their time at Doheny. Some were moving on to the work force while others would be moving on to receive their Bachelor's Degree. Awardees sat with their parents, a sparkle in both of their eyes. Moments like these are bittersweet and serve as a reminder of how fast time goes at The Mount. Students at Mount Saint Mary's University serve as a constant reminder that we should always strive to do our best and reach our goals.

By: Maria Fernandez



All Smiles. Padimahara Alvarez display her awards happily as she and her family revel in a year's hard work and dedication.



A very proud moment. This group of passionate students are taking in the day as they have shown that they have gone above and beyond not only in school, but in community involvement.



Gather 'round! Friends gather together before the ceremony to chat and enjoy some snacks. Friendships are the foundation in which our institution was built upon and we continue to uphold to that.



Following In Her Footsteps

CHALON'S MARY'S DAY

The day looked gloomy, but the smiling faces of graduating seniors and the faculty that accompanied them throughout their journey brightened the room to an extent that was unimaginable. Students arrived to the Campus Center on Saturday April 25th with an overwhelming amount of support from their parents who gazed upon them with hearts filled with pride and joy. For many, the event was bittersweet as their time at The Mount comes to an end. Students reminisced with attending staff recalling their earlier days at The Mount, some as freshman and some as transfer students eager to complete the next step in their education. Mary's Day is a day dedicated to recognizing the hard work put forth by students in the last year and this year, the awardees demonstrated a high capacity for leadership, compassion and perseverance. Presidential Award recipients excelled not only in their studies but in all aspects regarding Mount life. They showed that leaders are truly made at Mount.

.By: Maria Fernandez



Honorary Students. Meghan Capucio receiving her honors stole from President Dr. McElaney-Johnson in her advanced research in Sociology.



Presidential Smiles. Top Row: Alexis Kerl, Thien Wang, Christian Rosa, Monica Wasshausen and Dianne Nalapo Bottom Row: Erin Paulin, Andrea Perez, Mayra Perea and Analises Yu were this year's recipients for the President's Award.



Student Life

What's Mount Saint Mary's without its students? A school is defined not only by the opportunities they offer, but the individuals who benefit from and contribute to it. Our university is blessed with such unique individuals, ready to share their passions and make their marks on the world. As a community, it is our duty to work together in bringing out the best in each of us. From being a part of programs like STEM or ISAE, to being a part of the intermural basketball team, or even planning club events like the Luau or PACN, everyone is making a difference. We are all leaving a mark on the the world, and as Athenians, we are UNSTOPPABLE.

By: Helouise Garcia



ISAE: Institute for Student Academic
Enrichment 70-71



STEM: Science, Technology,
Engineering, & Mathematics 72-73



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PACN: Pilipino American
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The Institute for Student Academic Enrichment, a program also known as ISAE, is a great support system for many students that attend the Mount. This is a federally funded program that is able to guide students in the right path to achieve their completion of a baccalaureate degree. This program is able to support students financially, academically, and socially which are all going to benefit them throughout their college career. All students that are part of this program are able to receive academic and career planning, financial aid application preparation, professional and graduate school planning, attend cultural events and leadership conferences, and participate in a laptop loan program. Once a student is accepted into the program after filling out their application, they receive an ISAE counselor and a peer advisor that they have to meet with at least once a semester. When the students have their meetings with their counselor, they will discuss their education plan and what they expect to complete in four or five years.



ISAE Moving Forward

The freshman class need to meet with their counselor and peer advisor more often throughout their first year to help them transition into the college life. Freshman are also able to become a peer advisor as a sophomore at Doheny or a junior/senior at Chalon so that they are able to support a group of freshmen that need to adjust to their new life in college. This program requires that students attend at least two events each semester, which are either events that ISAE is hosting or other academic workshops and events that are taking place at the Mount. ISAE is the best way to help someone find a group of students who care about them as well and it really helps them with any transitions they are making in college.

By: Vanessa Gomez

Family fun! A group of ISAE students travel to see the show "La Traviata" with counselors during the Fall semester.

Don't fall! Cecilia Pimentel and other ISAE students play twister at their Spring Fling event.



Spring fun: Alyssa Nichols enjoys the activities at ISAE's Fall Fling with peer advisor, Diana Zuniga.

Bonding time: Mariana Porras, Diana Zuniga, Yanira Olague, and Blanca Duenas enjoy a game of Connect 4 at ISAE's Spring Fling to begin bonding with one another before the year ends.



Breaking Barriers

STEM



Being a woman in a primarily patriarchal society can be difficult and being a woman in science increases the difficulty tremendously. Not only does it challenge the everyday norms, but it proves that women can accomplish anything that they set their minds to. It also pushes and motivates other students to strive for bigger and better things. In 2011, Mount St. Mary's College was awarded a five year federal grant which gives female students in science, technology and mathematics additional support both academically and financially. This was viewed by students and staff as a tremendous opportunity. Every year, young women at Mount St. Mary's College spend their summers in laboratories conducting research working side by side with some of the college's most prestigious professors. These young women demonstrate that anything is possible and continue to break barriers each and every day.

Because many of these young women are first generation college students it is important to many of them to accomplish their goals and what others before them were not able to accomplish. The STEM grant is able to help these women facilitate their journey in science and facilitate their overall academic experience at Mount St. Mary's College as they continue to break barriers.

By: Maria Fernandez



STEM's ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM



Knowledge is power! Leslie Lopez-Quijada (above) and Natalia Neris (below) present their research to the audience



Showing off their hard work, Elivia Tiznado and Cecilia Montellano presenting to an attentive listener.

The STEM Expo was a great opportunity for Mount students to network with other representatives from STEM programs and colleges/universities. Among those present were representatives from USC, UCLA, California State University, Latinas in STEM, and City Year. Free lunches were provided for attendants and there were free giveaways and raffles to win prizes. There was a huge turn out for the Expo as students filled the Campus Center eager to make a good first impression. STEM club member Merelyn Lopez states that she loves STEM because it provides members with mentors and tutors that

STEM EVENTS

are very helpful in preparing them for anything. She loves events like the Expo because she is able to network with others and learn about new opportunities for STEM majors.

By: Christina Bailon



Left: Interested individuals like Alexis Kerl and Emma Kroll listen to a representative talk about STEM programs.



Right: Latina Power! Students like Jennifer Perdomo and Andrea Perez were able to dress up as Rosie the Riveter and pose for a picture at the Latinas in STEM booth.

Science and fun! Alyssa Castillo expands her horizons while participating in a simple chemistry experiment.



Expanding Your » Horizons

EYH CONFERENCE

Less than 100 years ago, there were a very minimal amount of careers available for women, let alone women in science. Today, WISH (Women in Science and Health) prove that that is no longer the case. The annual Expand Your Horizons conference allows students to learn more about what it really means to be a woman in science. Students have the opportunity to network with STEM role models and learn more about their journey in the science field. The conference intended to educate young women on the careers available not only in science but math as well. MSMU's young intelligent women were able to network and connect with other women in science performing experiments, learning from each other and most importantly, expanding their horizons.

By: Maria Fernandez



It's in our blood: During the Expand Your Horizons Conference, Stephannie Jimenez remembered to be safe while handling a tube of hemoglobin and showing off her knowledge to the students.

Just the right amount: Marianna Herrera helped younger students measure out Bromine using a small graduated cylinder.



Test Tubes and knowledge were provided by WISH. Students like Daisy Galindo got the opportunity to interact with hemoglobin and run a series of different experiments to show off to the children.



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION



Show-stopper, Jeremy Oyague and Marianna Herrera wowed the crowd as they danced La Ramba.

Re-living Old Traditions >>

On Thursday, October 30, 2014 the Ballet Folklorico Club held its second annual Dia De Los Muertos performance at Hannon Theater. At the entrance, club members Marysol Uribe, Isabel Velasquez and Luz Martin Del Campo sold hot chocolate, sweet bread, and coffee to guests. Guests were welcomed by speaker Carolina Esquivel who briefly explained the Mexican religious holiday Day of the Dead. Carolina Esquivel also talked about the origins of the songs and dances that were performed, explaining the meanings behind the dances and what countries they came from. Dancers Marianna Herrera, Xolchilt Vasquez, Crystal Haro-Sanchez, and Jeremy Oyague wowed the crowd with their amazing dance skills and high energy. Prizes such as hand fans, a sugar skull, and a decorative Day of the Dead skull sculpture were raffled off throughout the event as well. The crowd left amazed by the talent these Mount students have.

By: Christina Bailon



Impressive talents, Crystal Haro-Sanchez and Diana Ponce, dance with bottles balanced on their heads.



Displaying their lovely outfits, Xochilt Vasquez and Crystal Haro-Sanchez pour their hearts out to a dance from their culture.



Refreshments for the audience: Luz Martin Del Campo, Isabel Velasquez, and Marysol Uribe sold hot chocolate, coffee and sweet bread to guests.

Once Upon a Murder

SCHOLAR MENTOR CLUB'S MURDER MYSTERY DINNER



What a success! The Scholar Mentor Club, with the help and support of the Muses Club, created a fun adventure for all! At the end of the night, the SMC e-board that made it all happen pose in front of their custom-made photobooth with Dr Micah Daily.

As the mysterious night approached on April 30, students, staff, and friends enjoyed an Italian dinner from Buca di Bepo and Filipino food from Jollibee with some of their favorite childhood Disney characters. Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Cinderella, Lilo and Stitch, Gaston, Oogie Boogie, Alice in Wonderland, and Maleficent were amongst the special guests to the dinner. They mingled with the guest and made the event all the more enjoyable. However, the night took a slight turn and turned into an investigation scene. Oogie Boogie went missing! It turned out that someone wiped him out with bug spray and cleaned up his remains with bleach. Everyone was devastated and surprised that someone would hurt this sweet little bug. Moments after, another tragedy occurred. Alice in Wonderland was poisoned from biting an apple. How could two murders happen within one night?! The night got intense. The Disney characters became the suspects but it was up to the guests to investigate who the murderer was. After moments of investigating using their unstoppable critical thinking skills, the guests came to the conclusion of who the murderer was. Keep reading to find out!

By: Jessica Flores

PRESENTING THE MUSES CLUB

YARITZA VILLA AS MINNIE MOUSE

STEPHANIE ESPEJO AS MALEFICENT

ELISABETH AGUILAR AS SNOW WHITE

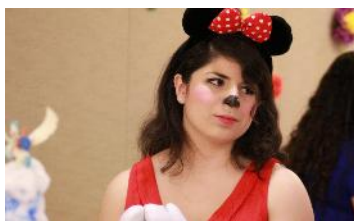
MARICELA FAUSTO AS ALICE/OOGIE BOOGIE

ALEXIS FILLINGAMES AS GASTON

AIMEE HERNANDEZ AS CINDERELLA

CAITLIN DAVIS AS STITCH

LEAH FAJARDO AS LILO



What's for dinner? Jeannica Tan looks at the program, which lists the cast of characters, and more importantly, the dinner and dessert options!



SHH! Gaston interacts with an audience during one of their skits. The actresses did a fantastic job including the guests in the show.



As stoic as ever, Maleficent, played by the talented Stephanie Espejo, stayed in character throughout the whole night. It takes a great amount of skill to keep face while talking to an inanimate bird.



Be our guest! Katrina Tayo, dressed as Aladdin's Jasmine, happily served the guests with food and refreshments during the Disney-themed night with the rest of the Scholar Mentor Club.

AND THE MURDERER IS... CINDERELLA!



The villain (!) of the night, Aimee Hernandez, played the infamous Cinderella. Her innocent face and sweet personality fooled everyone!



The sweetest of them all. Richmond Vinluan checks out the Disney-themed desserts. From Mickey-shaped rice krispy treats, cake pops, to cupcakes, it definitely left the guests coming back for seconds!

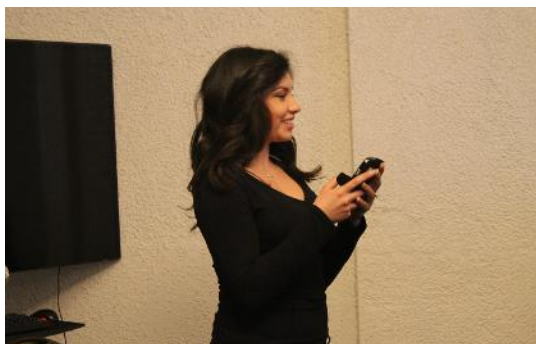


A rose for you! Gifts were given to participants and as a thank you to those who made the event possible. A raffle was also done so audiences had a chance to win fun prizes!

"Never trust a girl who wears glass slippers!"
—Michele Lewis



True Love. Cindy Carillo performed her own original poem which expressed her burning devotion and appreciation for the one and only love of her life—coffee! I think we can all relate.



Murder, She wrote. Alejandra Hernandez chronicles the intense short story of two young Southern girls' flee from the chaos of a murder scandal.



Word Of Mouth

OPEN MIC NIGHT 2015



An empowering performance. ASB Vice-President, Balca Dueñas, does her own interpretation of "I Am A Woman" by Maya Angelou. Her strong tone and words of strength mesmerized every unstoppable woman in the crowd.

Ooh, snap! The crowd snapped and cheered after each performance. Truly showing great MSMU spirit.

An intimate poetry recital took place in MSMU's Visitors Dining Room on Tuesday March 24, 2015. The smell of freshly brewed coffee filled the room and created a comfortable and relaxing mood for everyone. Red roses and candles were placed to give a romantic feel in the room. Donuts and a candy bar were set out for everyone to enjoy while listening to the performers. Kimberly Quitzon started off the event with a hair raising rendition of Lauryn Hill's "I Get Off".

By: Patricia A. Arias



CITY OF ANGELS CAFE » Heavenly Talent All Around



Take the stage! Sydney Jones an active member of AACW and an involved student at The Mount. Always caring and compassionate, Sydney is full of talents and on Wednesday she showed off one of them performing an original song from her mixtape.



A calming evening for all. In the weeks leading up to finals, students each find a way to express themselves and de-stress. Tamara Murga shared original stories in front of an intimate crowd.



Hot drinks and smiles were provided to attendees throughout the event allowing students like Karem Digno and Yanira Olague to bond over not only over the wonderful performances, but the delectable treats as well.

In a school with so much talent, it's hard to fit it all into one event. On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, Mount Saint Mary's University students gathered around the amphitheater overlooking the view of The Getty Center to showcase their variety of talents. Unlike other talent shows hosted by The Mount, The City of Angeles Cafe was unique in the sense that students were able to showcase non-conventional talents such as poetry reading and acoustic renditions of modern day songs. The event, although small and intimate was full of the love and support that students had for one another. Attendees enjoyed hot coffee and delectable treats while watching performances and interacting with one another. It's no doubt that the Mount is full of talented students.

By: Maria Fernandez



Catchy Chords. On a quiet evening at The Mount, Richmond Vinluan and Kenneth Tarrozo treated attendees to various acoustic renditions of songs that captured students hearts.



»» Embracing New Cultures

PILIPINO AMERICAN CULTURAL NIGHT

From dancing, to a well produced play, the Pangkat Pilipino Club knew how to entertain a crowd. On April 18, 2015 the Pangkat Pilipino Club held it's annual cultural night at the Chalon campus. Guests were treated to a delicious feast of traditional Filipino foods that could be found in an typical fiesta back in the Philippines. After the meal, guests were surprised by a flash mob dance that was preformed by all of the participants in PACN. The flash mob was extended out to the guests that were present by the participants. As the play started the audience was transported into the life of Angelo. Throughout the play, the audience sees the transformation and realizations that Angelo goes through as he and his family deals with the death of their

beloved Lolo. Guests were overall pleased with the event and impressed at how well it was organized and executed. They were able to experience and learn more about the Filipino culture. This year there were a lot of freshman Pangkat members that participated in the cultural night. They were all focused and driven to make this year's cultural night a success and can't wait to make next year's event even more better as upper-class-women/men.

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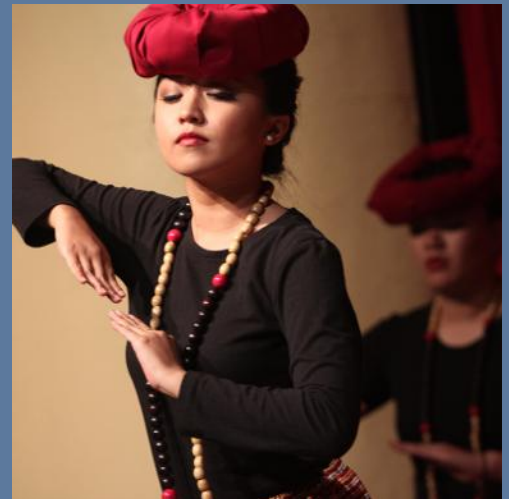


Top: Didn't see that coming! Members of Pangkat Pilipino surprised their guests as they break out into a flash mob and dance to the Bruno Mars song, *Uptown Funk*.

Left: Ready to attack! Kirsten Puga is in a fighting stance ready to face her attacker.

Right: Elegant beauty! Alyssa Arroyo performs a traditional Philippine dance.

Bottom: A round of applause! The Pangkat Pilipino Club amazes the crowd with their performance of the Tinikling, a traditional Filipino dance using bamboos and quick feet!





Keep Your Eye on the Ball

ATHENIAN SPORTS

The club sports at Mount Saint Mary's University are only getting bigger and more unstoppable. During the Fall semester, our Women's Volleyball Club participated in 3 tournaments. There were over 45 students who tried out for the team, but only 11 women were selected. They won 3 games in the Fall. The Soccer Club began their training early. In the Fall there were over 45 students who tried out for the team with only 25 women being selected. They practiced twice a week to prepare themselves for their games in the Spring.

During the Spring the Soccer, Volleyball and Basketball teams were in action. The Women's Basketball team participated in intramurals at UCLA.

By: Jessica Flores

"Big Thanks for giving us the opportunity to play a sport that we all love!"

– Cristina Gallego



- BASKETBALL
- VOLLEYBALL
- SOCCER

Ball is Life. Left to Right, Taylor Tooke-Spearman, Anastasia McGilvray, Christine Baylon, and Maryjoie Garcia play volleyball as a stress-reliever from all the work they have at school. Playing sports is a fun and competitive way to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In the zone: Jazmine Gandhi takes the lead in attempting to capture the ball while her teammate is prepared for the ball coming her way.



Sporty Sisters: Left to Right, Stephanie Hernández, Jomil Conste, and Jazmine Gandhi captured having a blast before their game at UCLA. Playing basketball has created a bond that makes it fun to be around each other and challenge each other.

WOMEN'S SOCCER



One for the books! MSMU makes history with our new soccer team at their first-ever match against UC Irvine. Everyone was ecstatic to show off their unstoppable skills!



You've got nothing on this! OnJonet Williams shows off her goalie skills during practice at the Doheny campus. She was preparing herself for their upcoming game.



Practice makes perfect: During a successful practice at the Doheny campus, the team focused on their footwork and throwing for their upcoming game.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

What an UNSTOPPABLE attribute! Beverly Flores shows great volleyball form while digging to rescue the ball and avoiding a score from an opposing team.



Keep it up! Christine Baylon spikes the ball to score while her teammates stay focused to avoid a comeback from the opposing team showing great teamwork!

Life on the Go



From Point A to Point B. One of the many perks our school offers is the MSMU shuttle services. From Doheny to Chalon, our students can travel in our wifi-equipped travel aids.

COMMUTERS

Commuting is hard. Between the very early mornings and the even later nights, commuters understand what it is like to have 3 papers due, an exam, a quiz next week, work 15 hours a week and still sit in traffic on the 405 freeway anxious, stressed, and tired. Despite all of their worries and time spent driving, they still manage to make a good impression in school, while keeping their grades up and maintaining lives outside the classroom. As Mount Saint Mary's understands what it is like to commute and be a full-time student, The Student Programming and Commuter Services display their appreciation to commuters, giving them more than just a warm welcome, but a sense of belonging. As many commuters feel left out from the Mount family on campus, SPCS makes sure to include them in the Mount happenings and make them feel at ease during their stay.

By: Destanee Guevara



Say "Churros!" It's easy to de-stress from challenging courses and sometimes overwhelming co-curricular activities as long as you have a good friend and a churro by your side. Charlyn Escusa and Jessica Clemente joined Student Programming and Commuter Services' monthly social and enjoyed free churros and delicious hot chocolate.



Keep it cool! As a commuter, it's important to stay hydrated. Susana Sanchez walks to the shuttle after a long day of classes making sure to stay hydrated with fruit infused water.



Welcome! Commuter mentor Brenda Valenzuela lend a helpful hand to commuters during registration by providing student handbooks and registering students for lockers.



Life on the go is always easier with a good playlist to listen to. Samantha Ramos gets ready for the commute home with a play list to ease 4 o'clock traffic.

Freebies galore! There's nothing better than showing up to school after a long commute and getting free food and water bottles. Blanca Duenas and Amy Corene decorated souvenir water bottles in The Circle courtesy of Student Programming and Commuter Services.

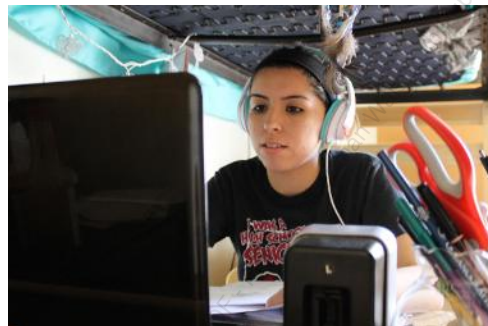


Home Away From Home >>

Team building for the win! After a long day at the UCLA Rope's course, Mount Saint Mary's Resident Assistants smile in a group photo while enjoying their time on their leadership trip together. Not only are these girls responsible, but leaders, and family to the Mount Community. Each girl prepares to become a family with their residents and their fellow RA's as they are preparing to take on the upcoming school year. From left to right: Allyson Uy, Irene Enerio, Dahlia Makdonado, Kriztel Agpoon, Geo Hita, Amy Fistonish, Katrina Tayo, Cristina Lopez, Hoang Ngyuen.



Stop and smell the roses. Students like Jennifer Palafox embrace their inner green thumb at Doheny's monthly Residence Life event. The two girls display their excitement to decorate pots and adopt a plant that could call their dorm home.



Break time! Resident and Biology major Vivianna Sanchez winds down by listening to her Spotify music playlists she has created before hitting the books. She states, "It's an easy way to get me in my study mode, by taking my mind off of school before jumping into my studies."



Be mine? Doheny Resident Assistants, Erica Cisneros and Teresa Garcia, let their silly side out at the Valentine's Day program held by Residence Life.

"The primary emphasis of Residence Life is to facilitate close personal relationships between students of many cultural backgrounds and experiences such that we foster the formation of personal values and integrity."

—Residence Life, MSMU



We are Athenians! Mount Saint Mary's University's Residence Life Team and staff members take a group photo displaying their Mount spirit and pride!

RESIDENTS

Summer is almost over. Prospective Mount residents pack up their bags, textbooks and get ready for another emotional, challenging, fulfilling, and eventful year. Freshman wave goodbye to their families for the first time, returning students laugh and scream as they reunite with their friends after an exciting summer. Resident assistants hang up the door decks for the first time of the year. All tanned, organized, and prepared to take on the year. Between the late night study sessions, dorm room snacks, and classes, residents bond with their fellow residents and dorm mates. Going through more than a class, more than a club event, behind the dorm room doors is support from the dorm mates, hugs from your closest friends, and comfort during the worst and best times of each semester. Though dorming may be away from the family, students learn to be on their own, make their own choices, be strong, independent, empowered.

By: Destanee Guevara



Class of 2015

On the first day, everyone was nervous; everyone was clueless. On the first day, everyone was a stranger, and everything was a new and confusing. But along the way, the nervousness disappeared, and the confusion is replaced by knowledge and experience. Along the way, bonds are formed and a sense of belonging is found. Between that first day and now, no one expected to have the experiences and the friends they had, but everyone is glad they did. But it's not the first days at Mount Saint Mary's anymore, it's the last days. The countdown has started, and the end of a lifetime's worth of friendships, learning, and growth is fast approaching. As we say goodbye to our beloved Class of 2015, we can't help but remember how the strangers became best friends, and the clueless became filled with knowledge and understanding. As the memories of the beginning took our Seniors back, the thoughts of the the future is certainly moving them forward, as the end of this chapter in their lives is coming to a close.

By: Helouise Garcia



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"Excellence is never an accident." Alexa Carter, recipient of the Academic Excellence Award, and Nailea Corado-Paredes, recipient of the Inspirational Excellence Award, proudly showcase their awards.



Kudos, Athenians!

ISAE's ANNUAL BRAVO BANQUET

On April 17, 2015, The Institute for Student Academic Enrichment (ISAE), hosted its annual Bravo Banquet. With good company and full stomachs, the ISAE's Class of 2015 gathered together for the last time while showcasing student excellence and achievements. A live band played through the night and delicious food was served, Athenians were able to mingle with not only their peers, but also the faculty and staff that supported them throughout their college careers. Certificates were given out to all the graduating seniors, in both AA and BA programs, while a handful of select individuals were awarded the "Walk the Talk" award for Inspirational Excellence and the Academic Excellence Award. Peer advisers were also given special recognition for all their hard work and support towards their mentees. The night was filled with good vibes as friends and colleagues enjoyed each other's company, with a sense of pride for all the hard work accomplished while looking forward to a bright future ahead of them.

By: Helouise Garcia



Helping Hands: Diana Zuniga, Mayra Perea, and Yanira Olague were given special recognition as peer advisers and helping their fellow students.



Thanks for the memories! ISAE members have formed lasting relationships with each other during their time at The Mount.



We couldn't have done it without... Dr. Aloha Buenaventura! She was awarded the Faculty of the Year Award for her excellent service to not only The Mount community but the ISAE students.



Tears of Joy. Students go up for a hug after an emotional "get ready for real life" speech given by Sociology Professor Dr. Annemarie Cesario.

Coming Together

SENIOR FAREWELL DINNER

The seniors eagerly crowded into the Chalon Campus Center on April 16, 2015, to celebrate the annual Senior Farewell Dinner. The Class of 2015 were able to reminisce together through conversations, while a light-hearted slide show of their days at the Mount brought on waves of nostalgia. Their last days at Mount Saint Mary's became all the more apparent, with graduation fast approaching in less than a month. The night was a time to finally take in how close they really

are to the finish line. President Dr. McElaney-Johnson gave an uplifting parting speech as Dr. Annemarie Cesario reminded each student of the potential and promise that they can bring into this world. The seniors were also inducted into the Alumnae Association as they enthusiastically recited the Alum Oath. These beloved seniors will take on their futures with confidence due to their growth and solid support system in this community.

By: Marie Garcia



A round of applause! Dr. Annemarie Cesario smiles on with flowers given to her after her inspiring speech to the graduating class of 2015.



A classy night with friends. The Senior Farewell Dinner gave many students a chance to mingle with one another one last time without the stresses of school.



A gift of generosity! The President of the University accepts the Class of 2015's gift to The Mount. An amount of \$514.10 had been raised from the graduating class.



Warm Regards to the Class of 2015. President Ann McElaney Johnson gives a prayer to the graduating class and welcomes the family and friends attending the Mass.



Breaking Bread. Father George O'Brien, a long-time professor and University Chaplain at The Mount, gives the bread and wine a blessing during the Mass.

Coming "full circle." The graduates lit each others' candle as a sign of blessing for one another. The scene is reminiscent to that of the Orientation Mass, where they, four years ago, shared the "light" for the very first time to each other as freshmen.



Standing Together in Faith

GRADUATION MASS 2015

The Class of 2015 started their day early on May 11, 2015, as they were invited to participate in the Commencement Mass. The preparations started on a peaceful morning, which seemed to perfectly capture the "calm before the storm," as they will soon be walking across the stage to graduate in less than 6 hours. Athenians collectively line up with their peers along Chester Place, awaiting the procession through the iron gate entrance of the Doheny campus and into St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church. As they began the walk to the church, children from the Doheny's Child Development Center lined up near the procession to applaud the Graduating class. The children made celebratory noises with their

tambourines, cheering the graduates on and congratulating them on their accomplishments. The walls of the Church were already filled to the brim with loved ones as the Mass began. The President, Dr. Ann McElaney welcomed both the family and friends of the graduates, while Fr. George O'Brien presided the Mass. Prayers and blessings went out to the graduating class for continued success and lifelong happiness.

By: Helouise Garcia



With Good Company. Friends like Shilpa Krishnan and Marie Garcia were able to stand with one another as they prepare for the procession into the Church.



A row of smiles. The Class of 2015 line up by the Doheny gates with warm smiles and excitement written on their faces.




For this we pray. Bianca Silva leads the crowd in a concluding prayer. As the Mass ended, the faculty, staff, and loved ones prayed for Class of 2015.

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"Believe in your ability to
succeed. Believe in the
promise of your dreams."
-Alejandra Ceja '96,
Commencement Speaker





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»» Taking the Next Step

Bright lights, cameras, and loud cheers welcomed the Class of 2015, as they marched into The Shrine Auditorium on May 11th. Years of hard work, determination, and passion finally brought our Athenians to this momentous occasion. Family and friends in the audience cheered on throughout the night, immensely proud of the graduates' accomplishments. This year's commencement speaker, Alejandra Ceja, accomplished amazing things since her own graduation in 1996. She mentioned the hurdles she had to overcome, all the while, reminding the now graduating class, of the impossible heights they were all capable of reaching. Excitement, joy, nervousness... even a bit fear

and disbelief, could be seen on the graduates' faces as they walked across that stage to greet the President and receive their diplomas. The long, and challenging journey which started years ago has finally come to an end, and as they turn their tassles together and face the crowd as new graduates, the Class of 2015 is more than ready to take on the next step.

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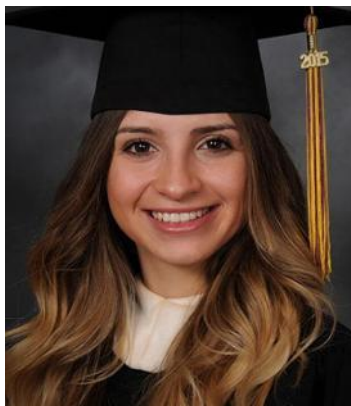


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"The future belongs to those
who believe in the beauty
of their dreams."
-Eleanor Roosevelt



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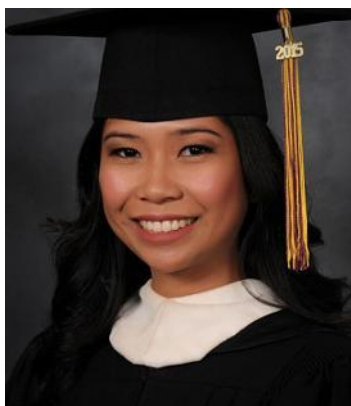
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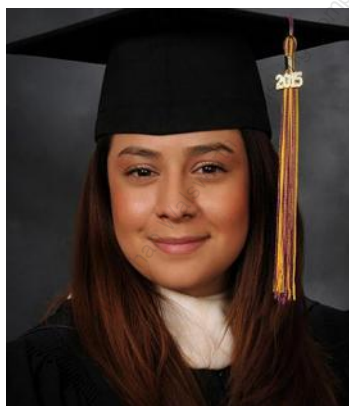
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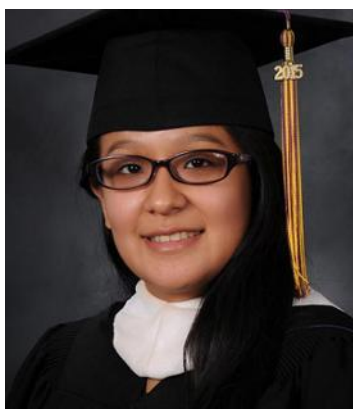
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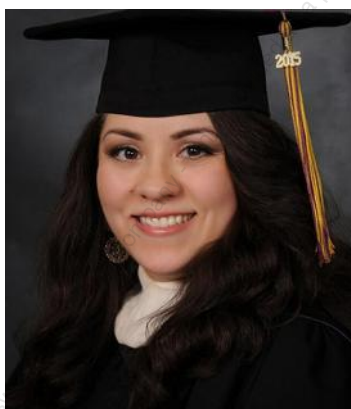
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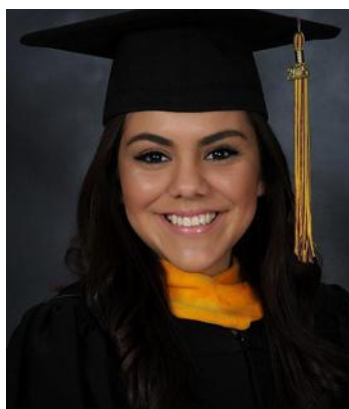
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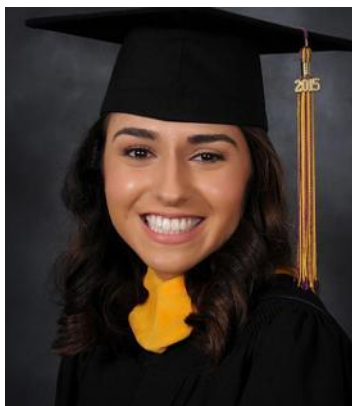
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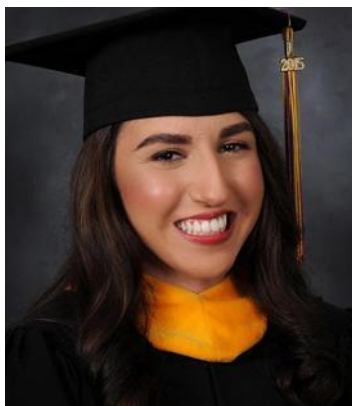
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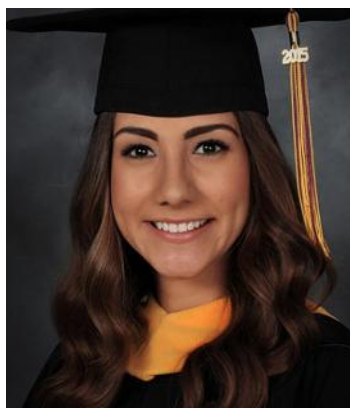
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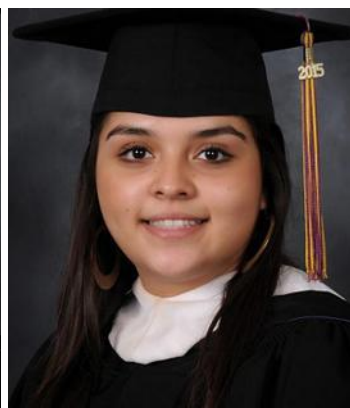
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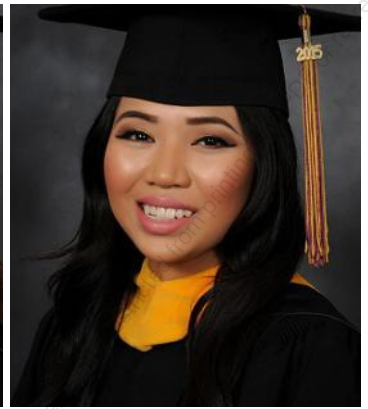
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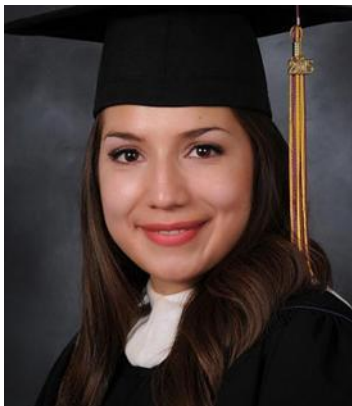
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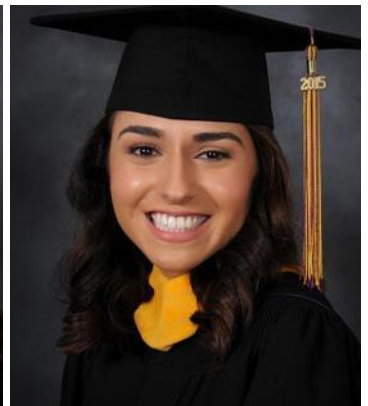
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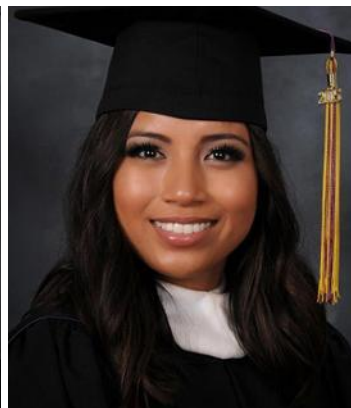
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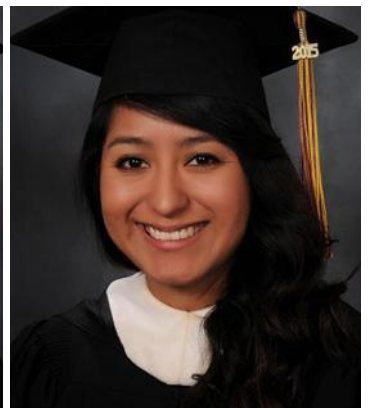
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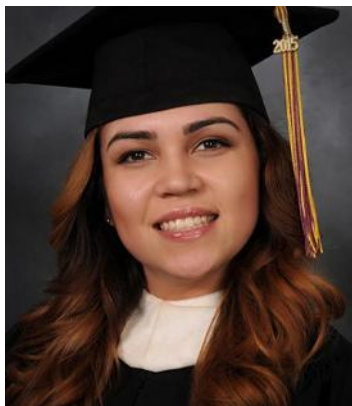


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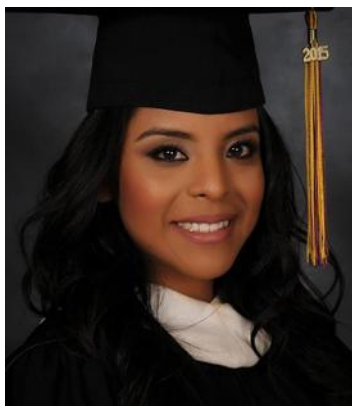
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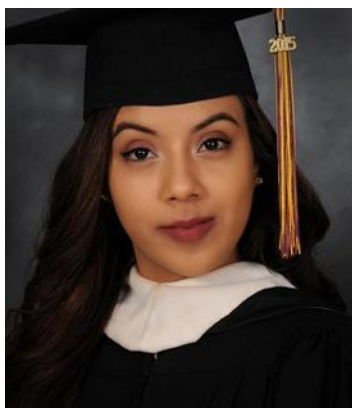
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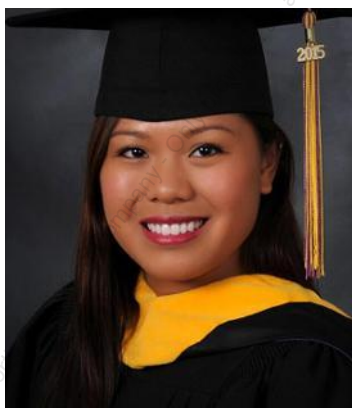
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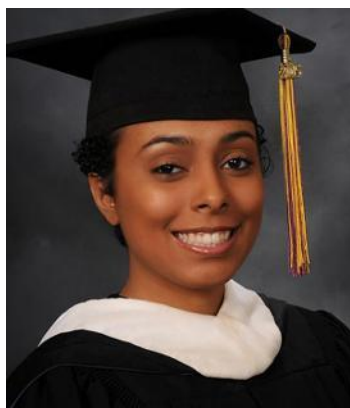
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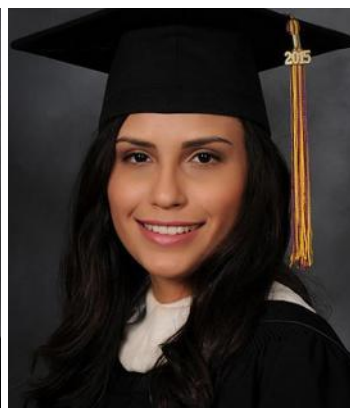
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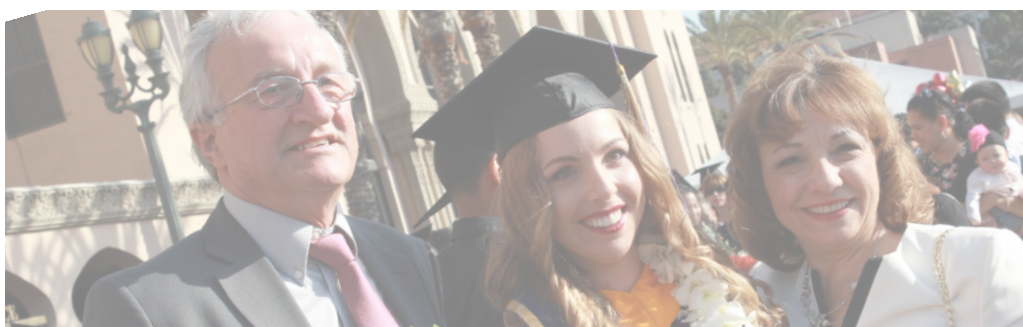
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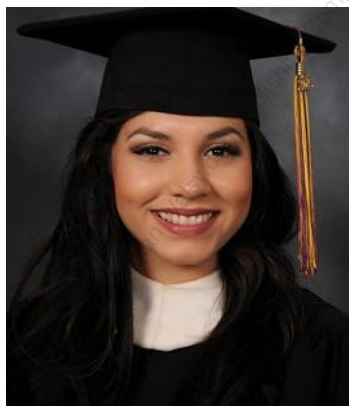
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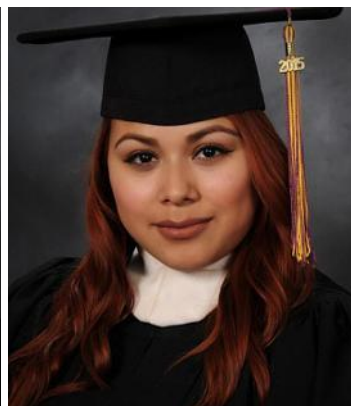
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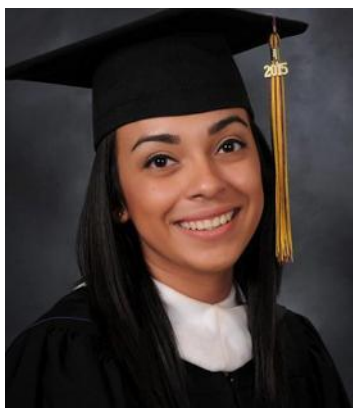
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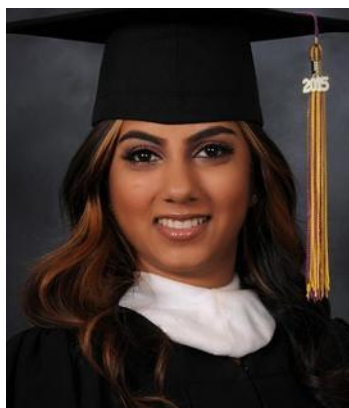
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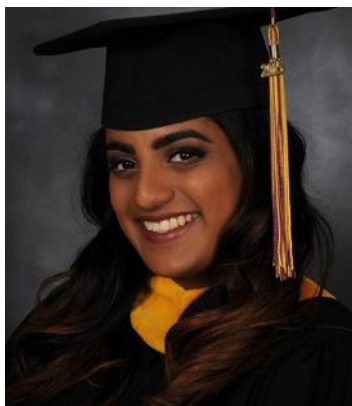
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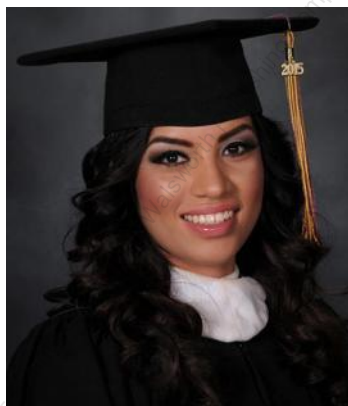
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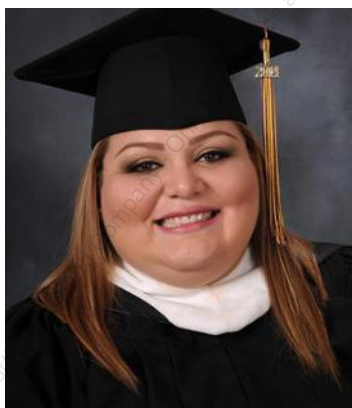
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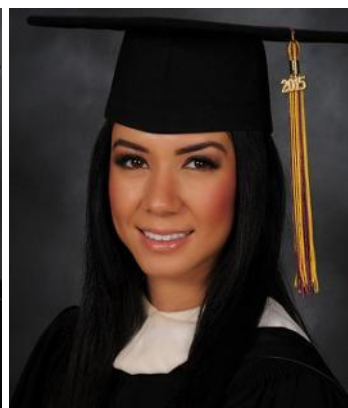
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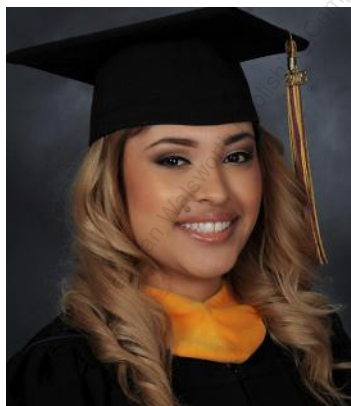
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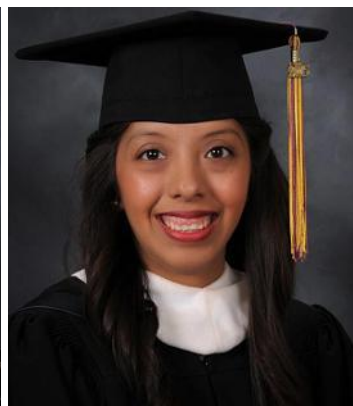
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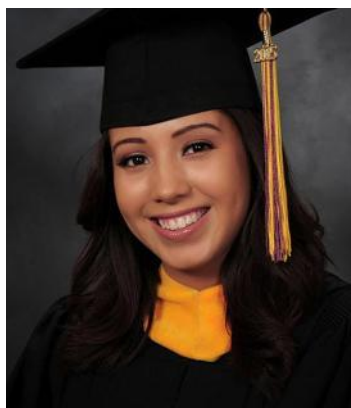
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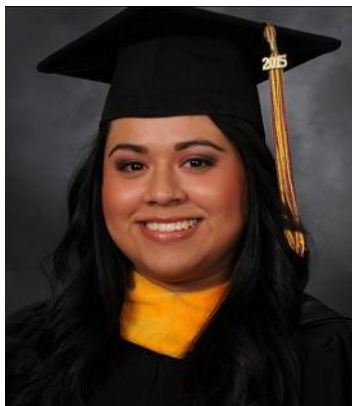


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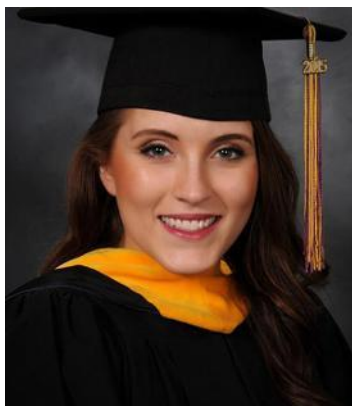
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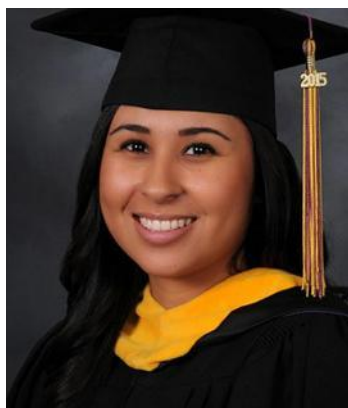
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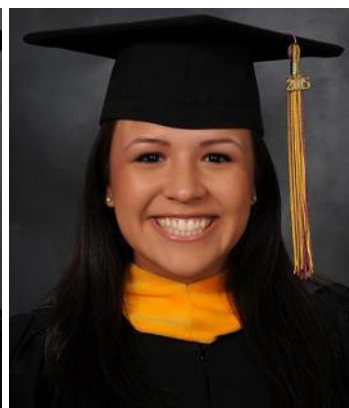
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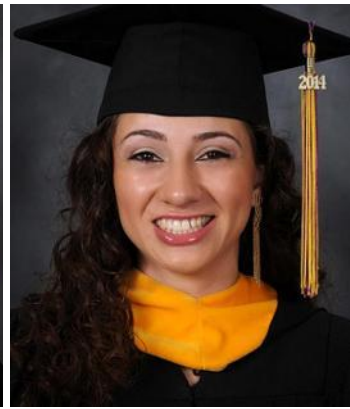




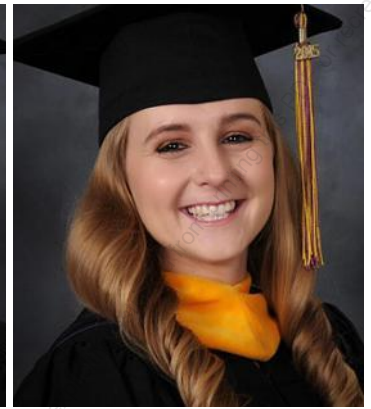
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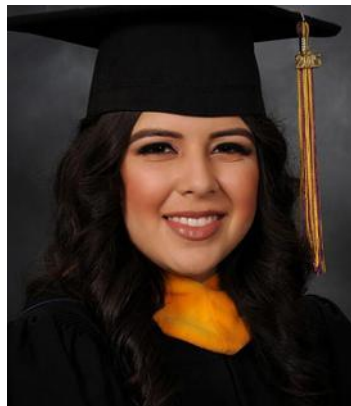
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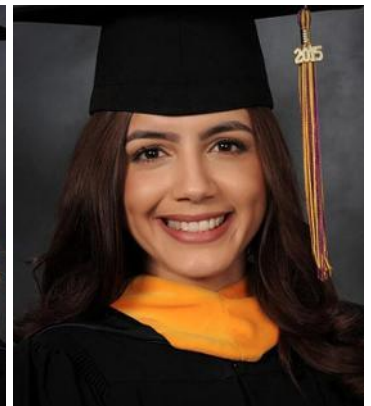
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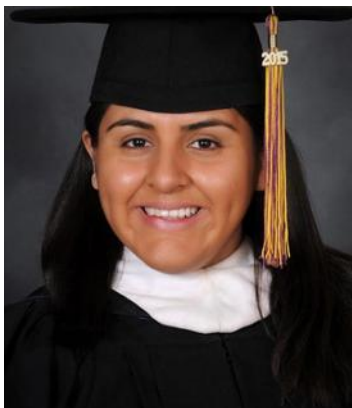
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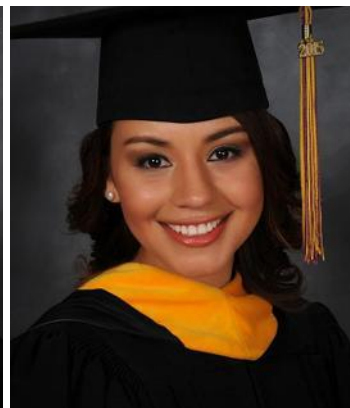
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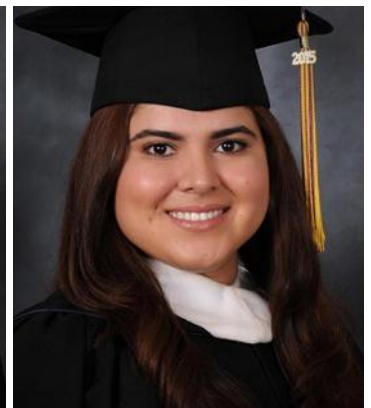
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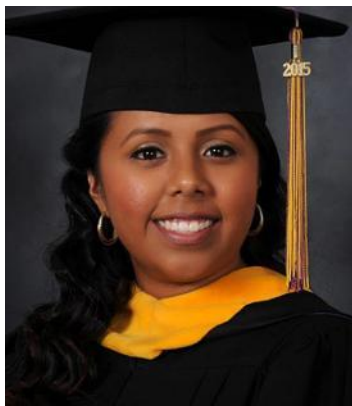


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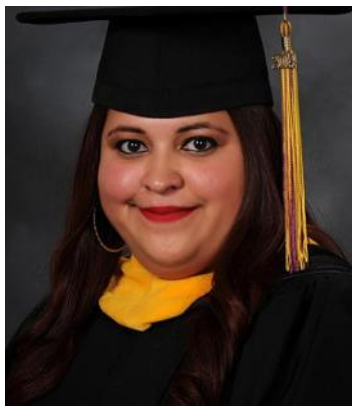


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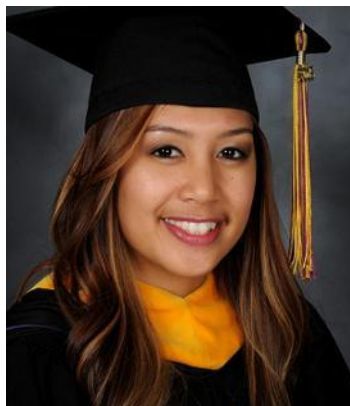




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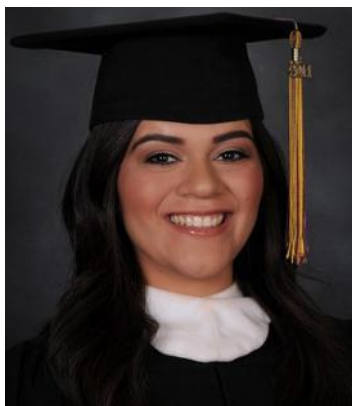
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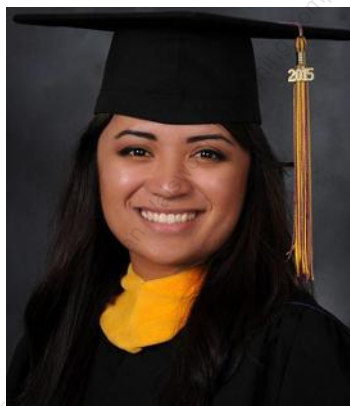
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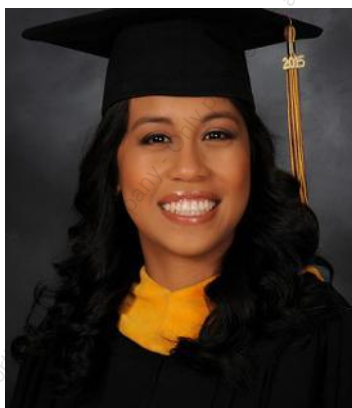
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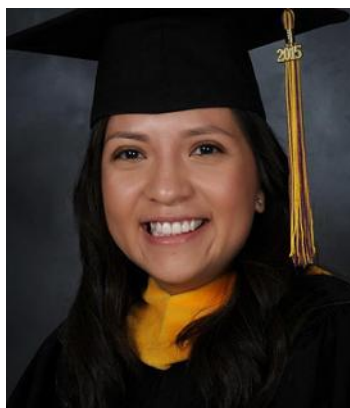
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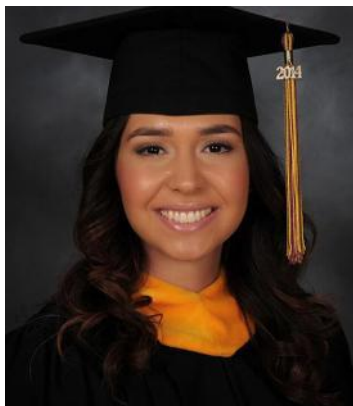


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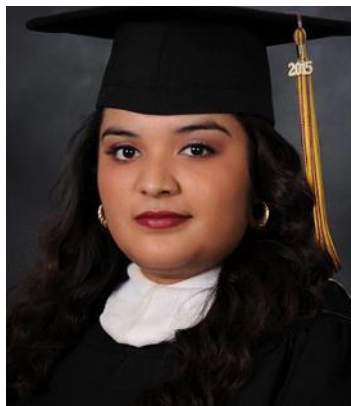




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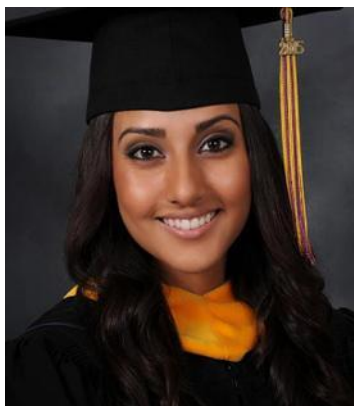
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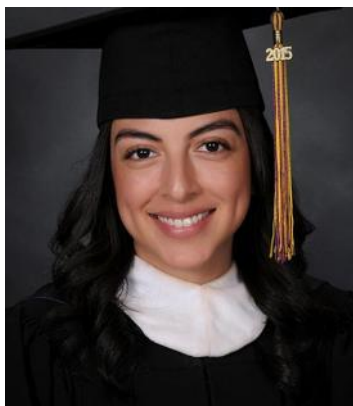
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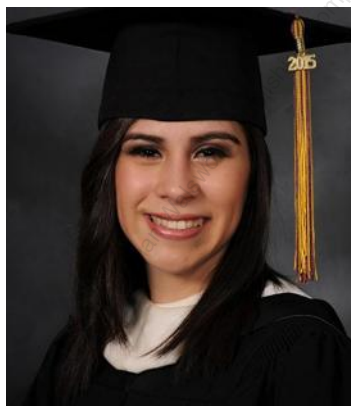
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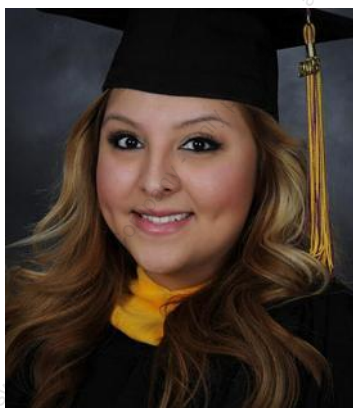
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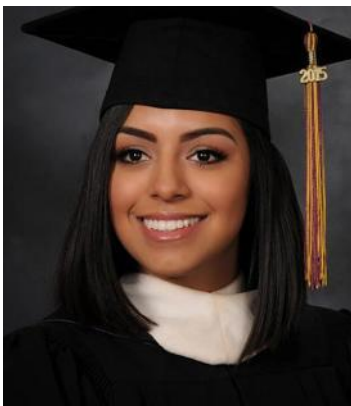


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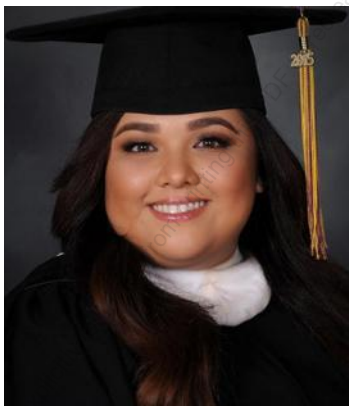
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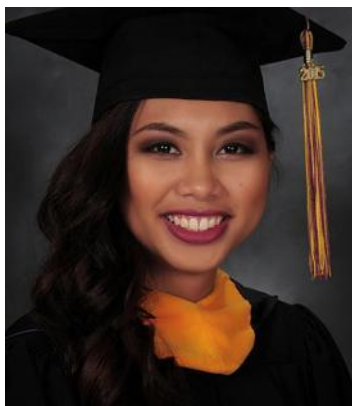
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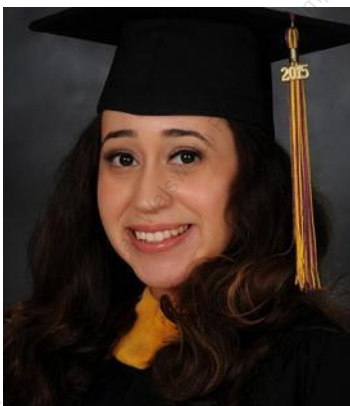
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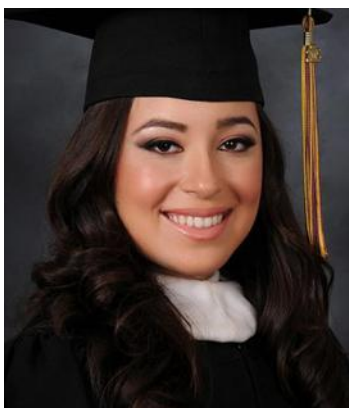
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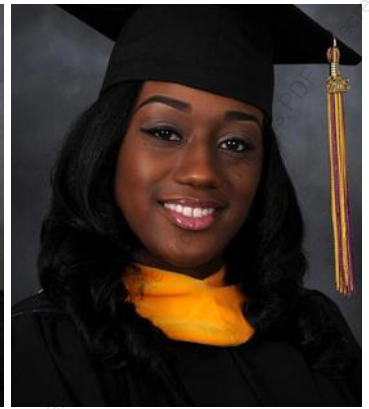
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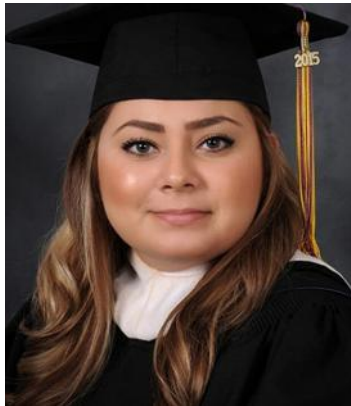
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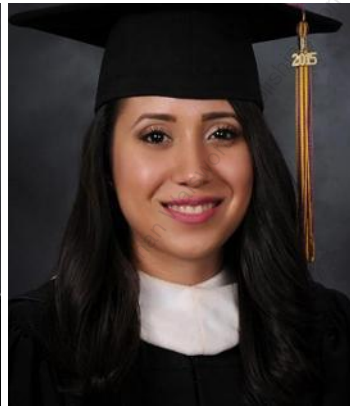
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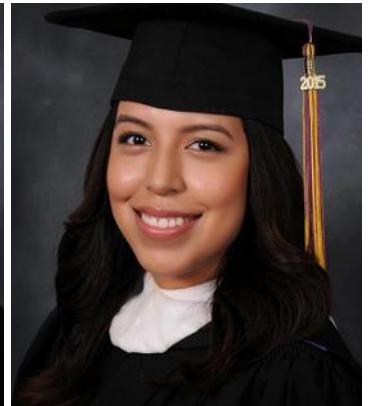
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**You are
UNSTOPPABLE!**





Marie Garcia

Like a ray of sunshine, one can't avoid getting caught in the light that is Marie Garcia. As impressions go, Marie definitely leaves a mark. Unforgettable and smart, with a unique sense of humor, her personality really captures you. As she graduates this year, we can't help but feel a little sad to let her go, but proud of all that she has accomplished. On behalf of yearbook staff, we thank you, Marie, for your contribution to this team for 3 years. We are certain that you will do amazing things from here on out. Congrats!

Much Love,
Yearbook Staff 2015-2016



Nicole Thurber

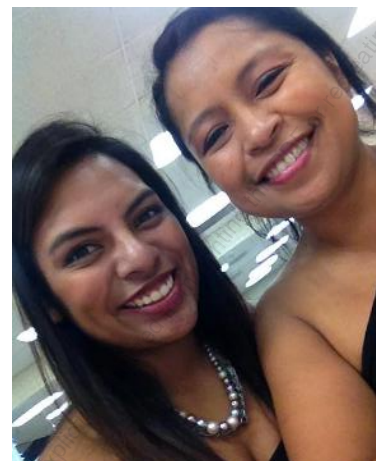


We celebrate your hard work, dedication, and well-deserved success on achieving your nursing degree. Your effort, discipline, and passion will serve you well in whatever you choose to do; we are so proud of you. Congratulations!



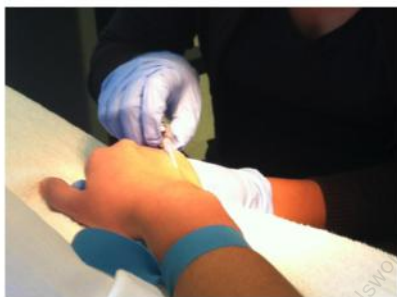
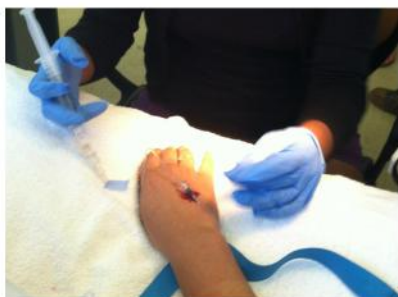


Mariela Miranda



Mariela aunque no pudimos estar presentes sabes que te queremos mucho y nos alegra saber que ya te graduaste, muy pronto nos vamos a ver para felicitarte por este logro y para celebrar en familia.

–Familia Galicia



Educarse es tener fe en la persona que se educa. El cumplimiento mas sincero que te puedo hacer, es demostrarte que confio en ti dandote libertad. Y por mas complicado que fue, jamas te apartaste de tu sueño, hoy llego el dia tan esperado y solo te queda disfrutarlo al maximo. Me haz dado otra gran leccion y estoy mas que orgullosa de ti. Eres la mejor hija y la tengo yo. Gracias por todo y sigue adelante, que atras ni para agarrar impulso. Te amo.

–Tu mama

Yea. I will be at my moms this wkn . I will try to get it to you. –Ashley

Sure and k. –Jonathan

I'll text you. I haven't thing in something right now. –Vanessa

Vanessa will write something for me. –Shawnt

OK and yea. I'll want to sign it. –Mili

Congratulations, I always knew you can do it. You got a bright future ahead of you, Love. –Howard

Congrats. All your hard work & dedication has made you a huge success. –Matt Dugan

I'll always be here for you. Love you always & forever. –Jazmen



Yun Helston

Congratulations Yun, on completing your long and rewarding journey! Your family is proud of you! The future is very bright, so you should buy some shades!

졸업을 축하합니다!



Andrea Rosas

To our darling daughter,
Having someone like you in our lives is so precious to us. Be able to call you a college graduate is a proud occasion. We feel so happy to see our beloved daughter grow up to be so successful. Your future is bright. For all those late night studies, lack of sleep, and perseverance, your reward is finally here! We wish you all the best. To our princess, you have truly made us proud.
We love you so much,
Mom & Dad



A Nuestra Adorada Nietecita,
¡Felitaciones en un día tan especial, "Día de tu graduación"! Este es solo un inicio de un futuro profesional exitoso. Nos sentimos muy orgullosos por tus logros. ¡Sigue adelante hasta que veas realizadas todas tus metas! Con nuestro amor y bendiciones.
Tus Abuelitos,
Arturo y Juana

Congratulations sis!
Thank you for being a great example! I love you very much.
Nick

La vida es como un camino, lleno de obstáculos y sin sabores, pero también de triunfos y alegrías. Cada etapa de tu vida la has completado exitosamente y la futura no será la excepción. Todos los que te queremos estamos orgullosos de ti, no solo por la estudiante que eres, sino también en la mujer que te has convertido. El día de tu graduación como profesional es un día especial, UNICO. Recuérdalo por siempre y sientete orgullosa. Felicitaciones desde el fondo de nuestros corazones,
Tio, Alicia, y Natalie



Dianne

Nalapo



DIANNE

You're on your way - dream big and have fun!
Life is about creating yourself and always remember, you have the strength and passion to create the masterpiece in you.

We are so very proud of you!

Love
Auntie Cor, Uncle Steve, & Matthew

»» Phoebedel Reyes

Congratulations
PHOEBEDEL CASTRO REYES, BSN
and the Mount Saint Mary's University's Class of 2015



We're proud of all your
hard work and good luck
in your nursing career!
We love you!

Mom, Manang Pheleah,
and Manang Phedellee





Jasmine Nicholas

"Each one of us has the ability to lead a dynamic life by pursuing our unique goals and dreams. There are no limits to what you can accomplish when you know who you are and have faith in what you can do."
-Stedman Graham

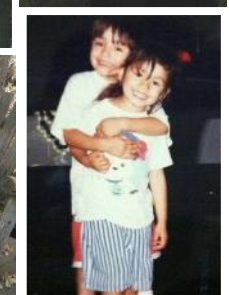
We are all so proud of your accomplishments. We love you Jasmine, the best is yet to come! Love your entire family.

Andrea Perez

Chiquis,

You are the greatest daughter someone could only dream of. Your accomplishments are the fruits of your sacrifices. Te has convertido en una excelente mujer, hija, y hermana. Tienes un futuro brillante como una estrella por tu arduo trabajo, dedicacion y determinacion que te a llevado a este dia tan grande de tu graduacion. Remember to always keep God in your plans and in your heart. Love you for always, love you forever, as long as we are living our daughter you'll be.

Te queremos mucho pijirito,
Papi y Mami



2014 Yearbook Staff 2015



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



In the words of Lilo & Stitch, "*Ohana* means family," and there is no family quite like the Yearbook Staff. This team has been my Mount *Ohana* since day 1, and I have been blessed to be a part of it for the past 4 years. Working with such a wonderful group of individuals made capturing the moments and good vibes around campus all the more enjoyable. Although this is my last year with the team, I have no doubts that I am leaving yearbook in great hands and that they will continue to accomplish many great and awesome things in the future.

With that, I would like to give a big THANK YOU to the members of the Yearbook Staff for all their hard work in putting together these pages. Your creativity and patience certainly put this book to life and I know I have personally learned and grown from just being around each of you through the years. I would also like to thank Public Relations, Clubs & Orgs, and all the departments and individuals who provided us the necessary help to push for the completion of this book.

I am both happy and sad that the school year has ended, and as this chapter in our lives finally comes to a close, I hope that everyone can look at this yearbook years from now and still remember all the days, the people, and the emotions that made it unforgettable. Cheers to us for making it through the end of the year, and congratulations to the Class of 2015! Thank you for your contributions to the Mount and I wish you all great success in all that you do from here on out. Stay fabulous!

A thousand THANKS and many smiles,
Helouise Garcia



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LA CONFERENCE TO FEATURE POET NIKKI GIOVANNI



On March 14th, the 2015 LA Writers Conference welcomed new professional writers to the Doheny campus. The Women's National Book Association hosted this conference to show passion for writing through different groups of writers' interaction with each other and sharing their development through writing. Nikki Giovanni was the keynote speaker, one of the most widely read contemporary American poets. She was the first recipient of the Rosa L. Parks Woman of Courage Award.

\$2.8 MILLION GRANT



This year, the Mount received a five year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to expand its graduate program. The grant was part of the U.S. Department of Education's "Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans" program.



ON A ROLL

On December 8, 2014, The Mount made it to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction. Ever since 2008, The Mount managed to remain on the Honor Roll list, showing that students are engaged and active in their communities.

2014: *Mount St. Mary's College*

2015: *Mount Saint Mary's University*



ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

On March 31, 2015, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti paid a visit to Mount Saint Mary's University. While at the Doheny campus he announced the results of the Report on the Status of Women and Girls in the City of Los Angeles, which was researched by Mount Saint Mary's University. The announcement took place at 2:30 pm and thousands of people attended, eager to hear the findings of the report. Some of the topics included in the report were about the demographics of women, education, and employment and earnings. The goal of this report is to address the issue of gender gaps and help the city government promote gender equality in LA.

SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL TEAMS TO COMPETE



Fall 2014 is the start of the new Athenian Team that will participate in local tournaments and compete in club play with the West Coast Soccer Association. Jessica Gerski will be coaching soccer and Hershey Canta will be coaching volleyball. These two women are able to relate to being student athletes and are very excited to be coaching our teams. The volleyball team was ready to defend their title in the UCLA program and moved up to compete in the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation's Southern California Volleyball League. This is an opportunity for Mount students that will help them throughout their lives.

THE TOP TEN



In March 2015, Mount Saint Mary's University was officially named number 10 under the Top 40 Best U.S. Women Colleges. College Choice wrote that the Mount is "...an institution with stellar academics and outstanding leadership development." They ranked all schools according to academic reputation, financial aid offerings, overall cost, and success of graduates. President Ann McElaney-Johnson reminds us that "...together, we are succeeding!"



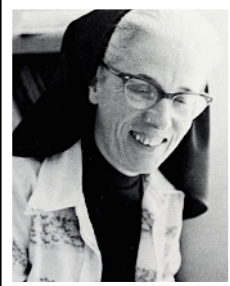
In Memory Of

"Those that touch our
lives... stay in our
hearts forever."

-Anonymous

SR. MARY EVELYN FLYNN

Sister Mary Evelyn Flynn, CSJ, was a Mount alumna, professor, and academic adviser for more than 30 years. Not only was she an outstanding English teacher and beloved adviser, she was also the "Dorm Mom" for resident students in the 1970s. She was a recipient for the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant in 1985 and the CAPHE (Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education) in 1988. Through these grants, she was able to study her passion, children's literature, and delved into peer coaching in a highly diverse environment. Truly a wonderful member and gift to the Mount, the whole community thanks her and offers their condolences to her family and the CSJs.



JEFF HUNTER

Humility and hard work was always given by Jeff Hunter. He has provided service for the Mount for 25 years. Prior to this service, he served in the military for 2 years after being Honorably Discharged. Jeffrey was not only a nurturing father, loving husband, and faithful friend, he was a kind and gentle spirit. An instance of his kindness would be his donuts deliveries to the Laurel Street Baptist Church Sunday School, where his mother had been a member for 60 years. Anyone who crossed paths with him was very fortunate to be in his company as Jeff was always known for greeting you with a smile. He has left a lasting impression with those he encountered and interacted with. The whole community gives its condolences to his family as he will be greatly missed.



Walsworth